



Vic Moreland, now filling a vital midfield role for Rams (see page 3).



Special word from the Chairman

Thanks fans: Keep up the good work

IN THE LAST issue of the *Ram*, I asked supporters to back us and said that this was a time for unity and not for panic. That's even more true now.

We have now gone five matches without a point, and there is a battle on.

But it would not be right if I failed to say how much your support in the Leeds game was appreciated. Neither you, nor the side, deserved to go away empty-handed.

The backing we had was marvellous, and it was heartening to all connected with Derby County — the players, Tommy Docherty and the directors.

Keep up the good work, please, and we will do our best to reward your vocal support with some results.

George Hardy.

By Concorde!

DERBY COUNTY President, Mr Sam Longson, OBE, completed 65 years' in transport when he and Mrs Longson flew out of London last Sunday en route for San Francisco, where they will attend the 21st birthday celebrations of their eldest grandchild.

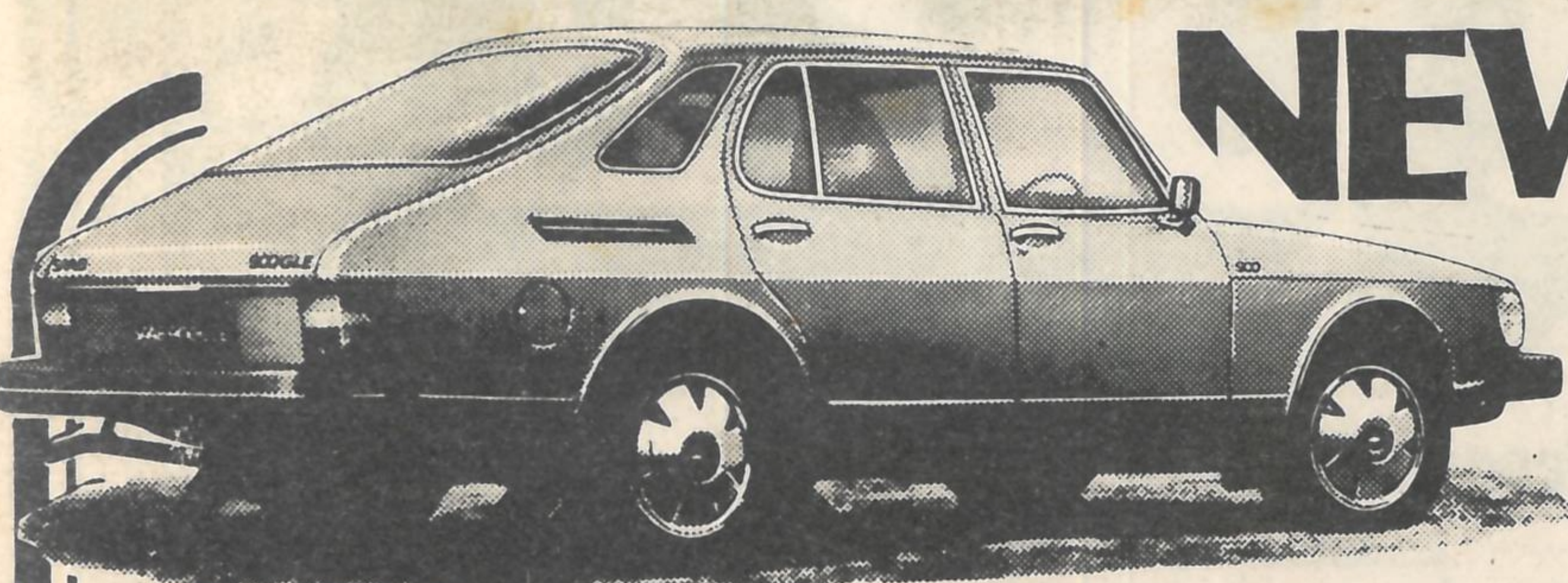
The President told us: "I started in transport at the age of 12 when I delivered milk from my father's farm by horse and cart. I went into steam wagons, took diesel lorries into north Derbyshire, and built up a large transport fleet. All I had left to do was to fly Concorde".

Mr Longson will be back in this country soon. We wish him and Mrs Longson a happy stay with their family in the USA.



Pete in search of a goal

FOLLOWING the recent goal famine from the League side *Ram* photographer went to see the Reserves in action against Liverpool a week Monday... but they didn't score. So he went to his third game in three nights on the Wednesday to see the Reserves again, against Huddersfield after going to Middlesbrough the night before. Relief, relief, they won 2-nil... and Paul Bartlett scored both following corners. In the top picture Paul slots home a flick-on from John Duncan, and in the other he heads in at the far post from another Duncan assist. Now for some goals from the senior side, Peter. And so say all of us...



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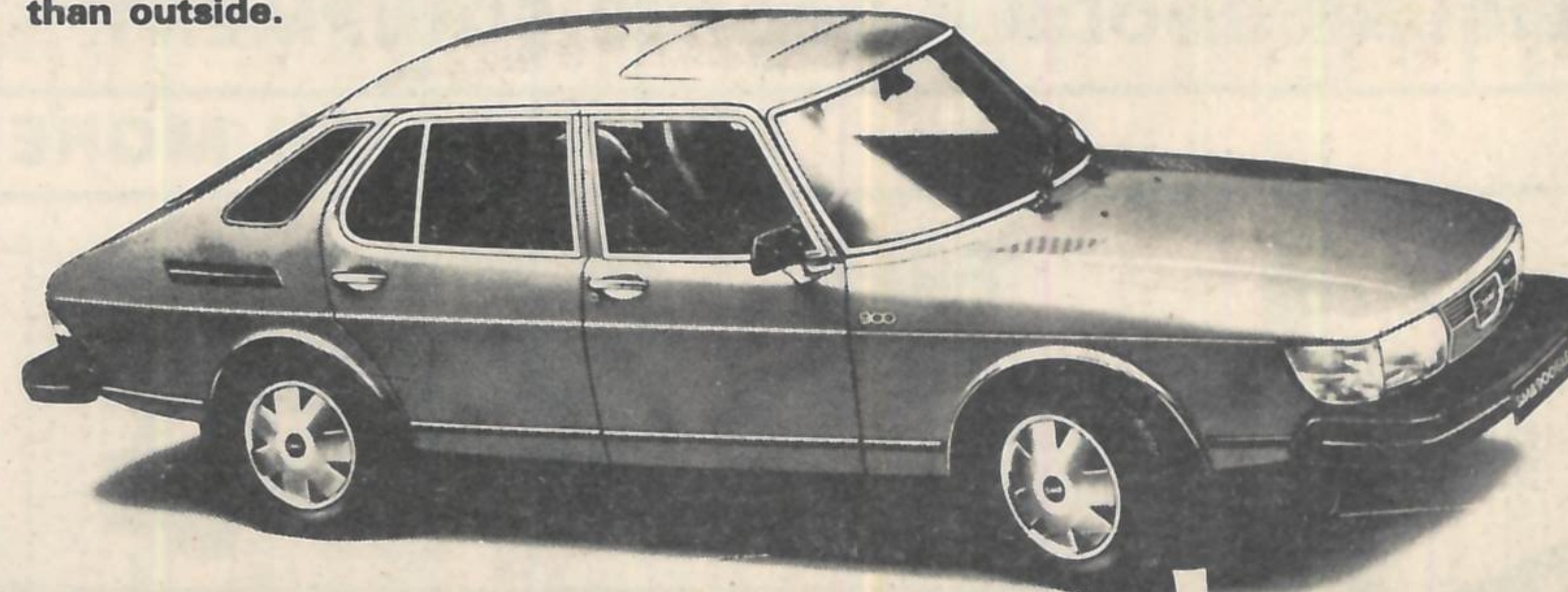
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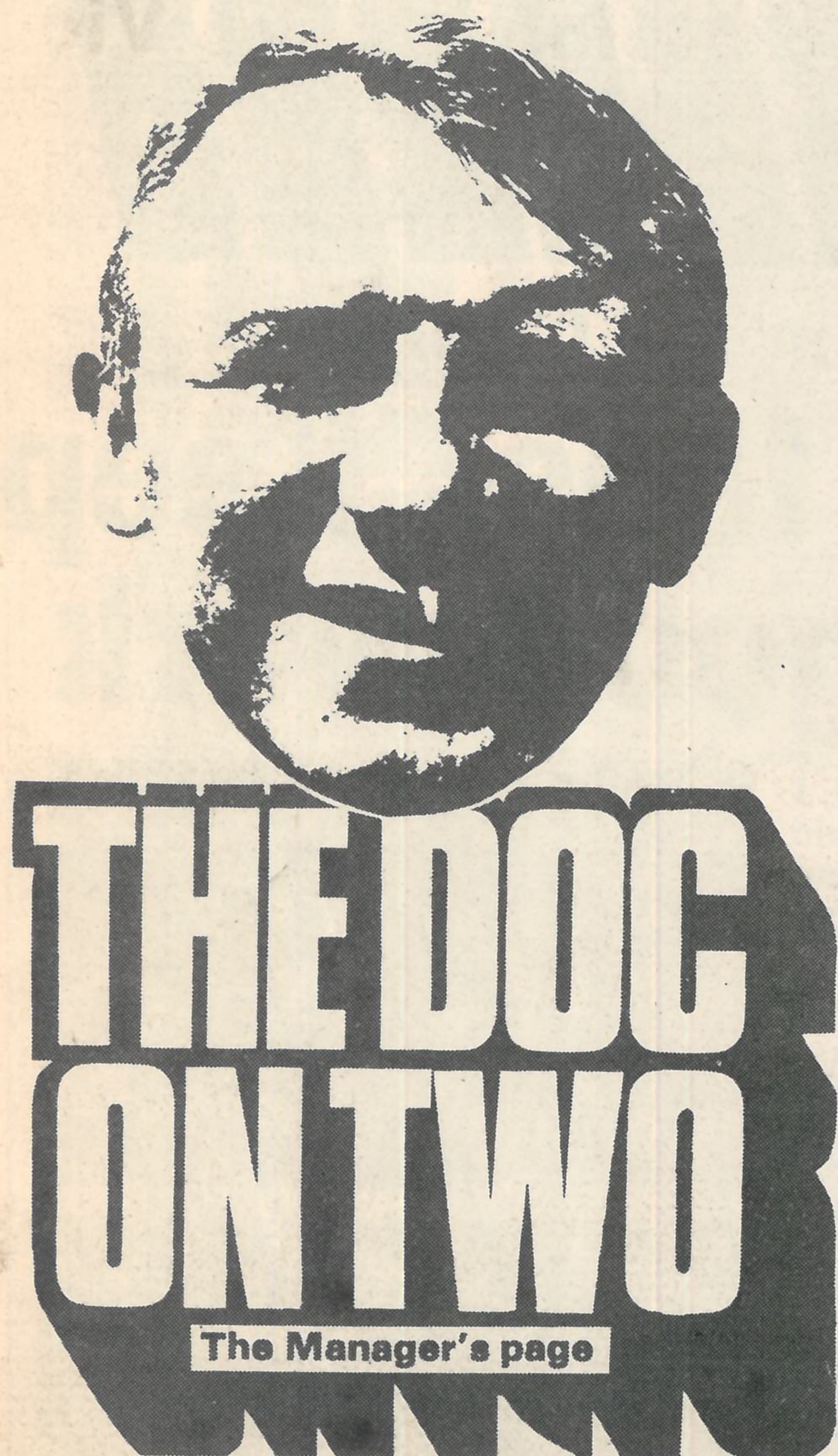


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Our confidence

A COLUMN in the *Ram* is a privilege I have enjoyed since I came here but, and I don't mind saying so, it's not the easiest time for words right now.

Our recent results mean that the time for words is gone ... now, we need action. And some points.

Yet, despite the gloom generated by parts of the media (who apparently believe our relegation is inevitable) the fact is that had we finished off our football with goals we would have won points from our last two games ... against Leeds and at Middlesbrough, as all who saw both matches would surely agree.

Confidence in front of goal has gone, and we have been working on trying to restore it. If we can only work one goal from our approach work rather than the penalty spot, then we are all confident we can get more.

I trust our real fans will once again give the lads the encouragement they thrived on from you all against Leeds.

And their confidence

NOW LET US marvel at the enthusiasm of some of our distant fans ... like the nine

members of our 124-strong Norwegian branch who are travelling to England to see our Easter matches at Villa, and at home to Forest.

"We must roar our favourites on to safety", they have told Supporters Club Liaison Officer Ernie Hallam. Let us all take a tip from them.

It's easy to support teams winning things, difficult to get enthusiastic about one that is struggling. Yet the fact is that Derby's football public would miss so much if we should be relegated ... something which this side should never have to be worried about!

Knock me, if you will, but leave the lads alone. They are putting 100% into their fight. I am aware that I am not the most popular bloke around with some of you, yet I am gratified at the big mail I am receiving from supporters who urge me to keep my nose to the Grindstone.

Said one: "Long term prospects are good if you can keep the side up. There are many young players who will get better and better".

My sentiments entirely ...

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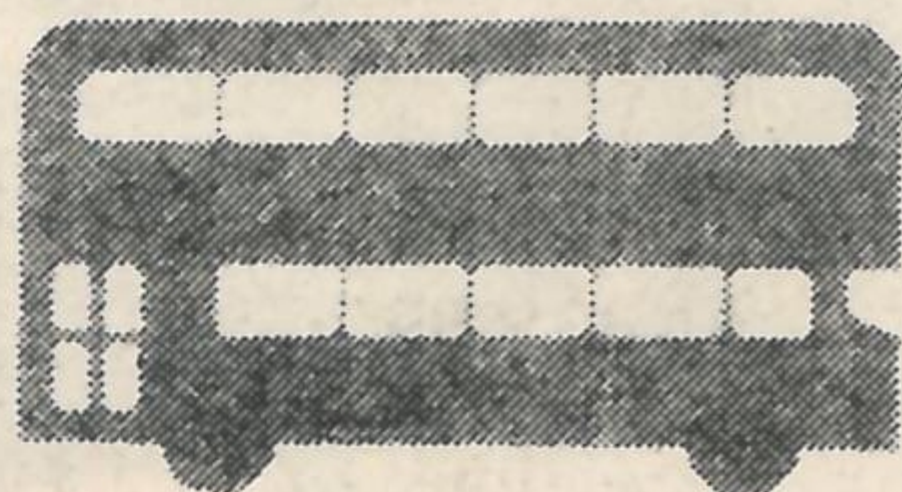
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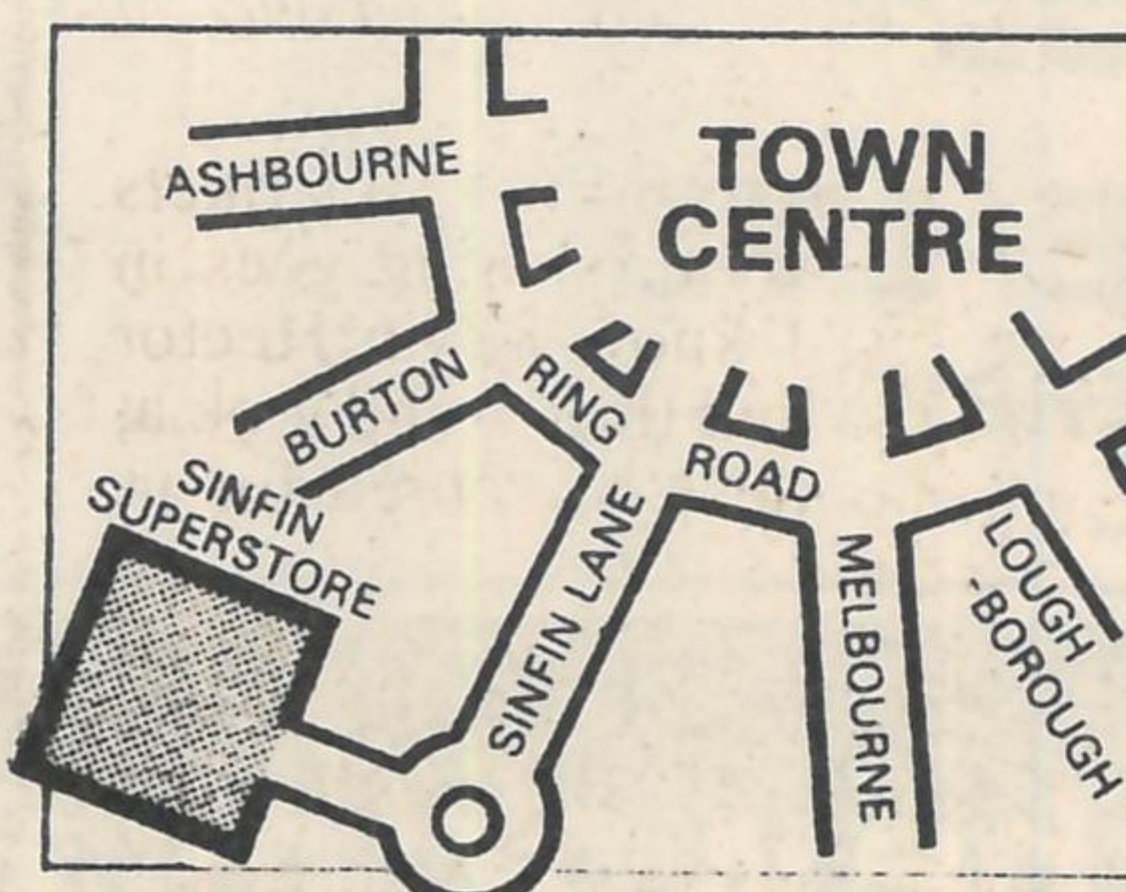
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How did we lose, asks Vic

THERE WAS a surprise for Vic Moreland last week. He played in the Reserves on Monday and went up to Middlesbrough to watch the game. Then, during the afternoon, he was told he would play at Ayresome Park — in the midfield spot which has troubled the Rams recently.

Vic's reaction? "Delighted. I just want to be in the side, and I'll play anywhere the manager asks me to. I enjoyed midfield at Middlesbrough. Sure, it took me a bit of time to adjust but, after a quarter of an hour, I felt I was really in the game."

"How did we lose? I wish I knew, because we dominated the game for long spells and I had one kicked off the line. Most of the time we looked better than Middlesbrough — but I have to admit they stuck their chances away."

'We simply must stay up,' says America-bound Steve Powell

STEVE POWELL, an ever-present in League matches this term, is one of the most consistently reliable players in the Rams' squad. That's why he will be spending the summer in America with Tulsa Roughnecks, managed by our old chums Alan Hinton and Terry Hennessey.

As Tommy Docherty says: "Steve has earned a trip. He will always go out and give 100 per cent. He's the kind of player who makes a manager's job easy."

Before Steve goes off to the States, though, he is determined to make sure that Rams will still be in the First Division when he comes back. "There's only one thing left for us this season," he told the RAM. "We must stay up, we simply must."

"We were in trouble two years ago and got out of it. Last year, we were technically in danger up to the last game, but I never felt we were really in any trouble."

"Now it's all gone wrong again and, after five defeats in a row, we've started to look over our shoulders and see what other teams are doing. It looks as if Birmingham and Chelsea will go down, but there are several candidates for the other relegation spot and, unfortunately, we're among them."

"There was no doubt at all that we played badly against Ipswich — and didn't the fans let us know about it! But we were given tremendous backing against Leeds and, with a bit of luck, we could have won that one."

"It was a bit the same at Middlesbrough. We had plenty of the game — there was probably a good hour when we were on top — yet we lost 3-1. What we need most are a few goals. That's pretty obvious when we've only scored once in five matches."

"Even with the best strikers in the world, scoring goes in phases, I know Kevin Hector used to find this — and look at all the goals he scored for us over the years!"

"It's all about confidence. If we could just start scoring, that would

settle so many nerves through the rest of the team. I know you make your own luck in this game, but we certainly didn't get any of the breaks against Leeds."

"You'll see. One will go in that's a freak goal, then we'll take it from there. All we can do now is try to make games run our way. We've battled hard in the last three matches and the spirit is great."

'Let the fans keep shouting, we'll keep working . . . and we will be all right'

"After Middlesbrough, we had 13 games left. There are 26 points at stake and, if we get half of them, relegation talk will look a bit silly."

"Believe me, we'll be going flat out and you, the fans, can give us a big lift. You keep shouting, we'll keep working and we'll be all right."

I'll be back

BILLY CASKEY isn't the histrionic type, so he didn't go round screaming for a transfer when he was left out of the team which would have played Wolves on Saturday had the weather not intervened.

"The boss is right. I've taken some stick", he says. "But I'm learning all the time, and I'll be back make no mistake about that".

We're sure, too, Billy



Steve Powell . . . the man who always gives 100%, no matter what . . . says manager Tommy Docherty.

DAVID WEBB

IN FOCUS

NAME: David James Webb
BIRTHDAY: April 9
PREVIOUS CLUBS: Southampton, Chelsea, QPR, Leicester
HEIGHT: 5'11"
WEIGHT: 13st 13lb
MARRIED: Yes to Jacqueline
CHILDREN: Heidi & James
FAVOURITE PLAYER: George Best
FAVOURITE OTHER TEAM: All clubs played for
BEST FRIEND IN GAME: Too many to mention
FAVOURITE HOLIDAY SPOT: Cyprus
HOBBIES: Motor Cars
FAVOURITE LIKES: Being Successful
FAVOURITE MEAL: Pie and Mash
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INSIDENEWS

So much going on off the field of play

NOW that Spring, hopefully, is on its way, the building process now taking place at Raynesway will be clearly seen.

Before too many weeks are out the Raynesway development will be in full swing, and we as a club are looking forward to offering to the public of City and County the use of the extra facilities which will be available at the Training Ground.

It is interesting, too, to note that various properties around the Baseball Ground are now in the process of demolition. During the next year or two more and more clearance will take place in the area.

Derby County are looking towards the purchase of certain areas near the ground so that extra facilities may be added to the Baseball Ground — for example, a social club for the Supporter's Clubs.

Whatever the playing situation might be at any particular time, no club which aims at progress should ever stand still, should ever stop planning.

In the near future the Football Association are holding a seminar, which will look at all aspects of underground heating for



Stuart Webb, goes to the Hanbury Arms Hotel in Burton-on-Trent to meet landlord Mr Seymour Hales, and to present him with the £1,000 cheque he has won on the Ram's Gold Rush Lottery. It's jackpot time every week ... so if you haven't bought your Gold Rush Lottery tickets, yet, you'll find them on sale round the ground. Priced 25p each.

soccer pitches. We shall be there, to ensure that we keep abreast of the situation, and in a position to make the right decision about our own pitch when the time comes.

For there is still a powerful motivation round the club, as you would have seen at Romeo and Juliet's in Derby's Colyear Street

last week had you been there.

We entertained 400 of our lotteries' agents, and their wives (all chosen by ballot from a hat) as a thankyou for all their work on our behalf these last few months.

At Easter, we shall be receiving guests from

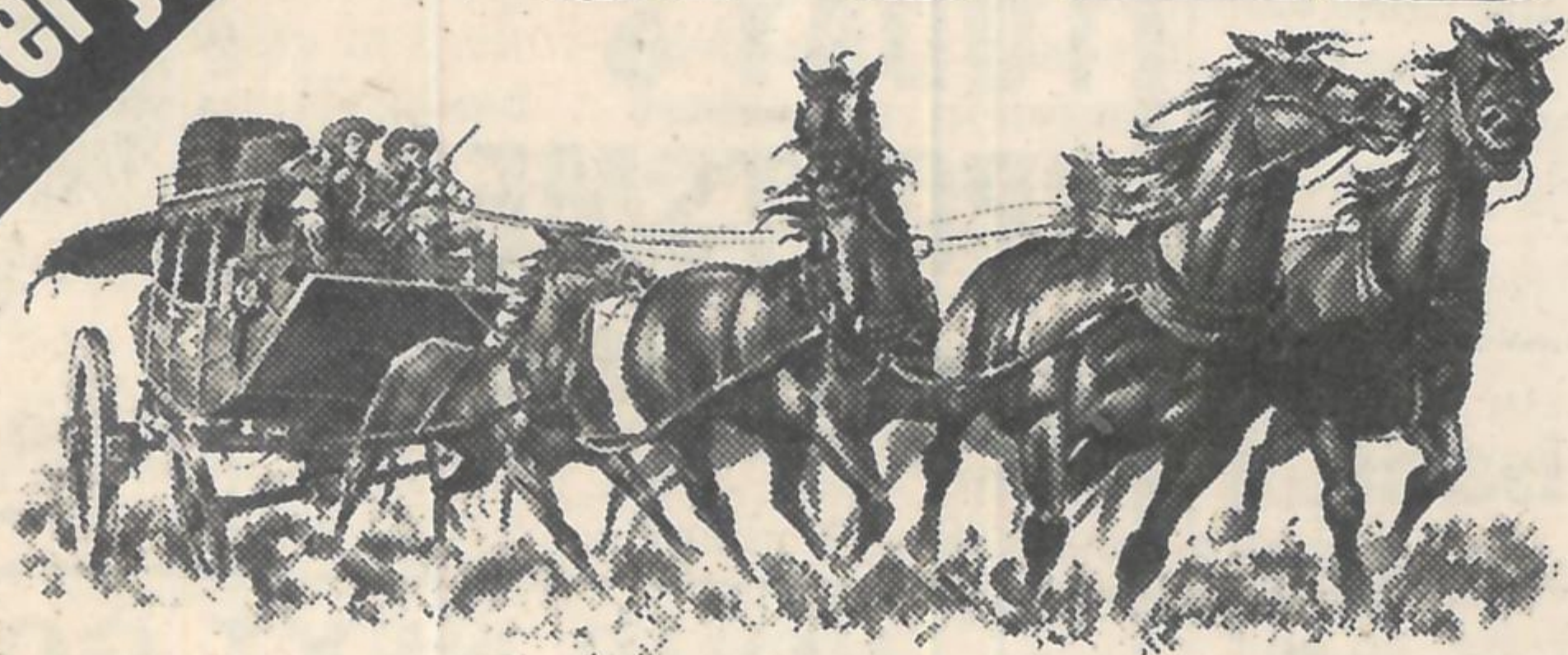
Norway ... all members of the Derby County Supporters Club Norwegian branch, who are coming over to cheer the team on to First Division safety.

Yes ... so much is happening off the field! And all calculated to boost Derby County in the long term.

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COMMENT

A strange conclusion

BECAUSE GENERAL SECRETARY Stuart Webb stated after last week's board meeting that it had been a "routine affair" a commentator on *Radio Derby* took that to mean that the directors, unlike the fans, weren't concerned with the club's recent descent into the relegation zone.

It was a strange conclusion to make.

The "routine" task of any football club's board of directors is to constantly review its playing performances as well as its off-field situation. At every meeting, and this one was a normal monthly affair.

Did the commentator really expect Mr Webb to issue a statement to the effect that there were panic stations in the boardroom?

At times like the present there is always agitated speculation about the future of personalities within clubs facing relegation threats.

No-one at the Baseball Ground is included to help the rumour-mongers. Let every Derby County supporter be sure that they are not alone in their concern for the immediate future of Derby County. The Board is always concerned.

As is the manager and his staff. And the players.

THE SUCCESS of Terry Curran at Southampton and Gerry Ryan at Brighton has led to some considerable sniping at the manager, who bought and sold them.

Why? One might as well snipe at Brian Clough for selling Phil Boyer from Derby County... the same striker who has made a big reputation for himself round the clubs, and who played for Southampton against Forest last Saturday.

The fact is that none of the three pulled up any daisies at the Baseball Ground; each of the three has benefited from his move away.

So, too, has former Rams junior Alan Cork, who has hit so many goals for Wimbledon this season. One day local-boy Alan may prove he can do it in the top flight as well as in the Fourth Division.

One thing is for sure, that day hasn't arrived yet. He would not be the man who could currently end Derby's goals drought... and that's the verdict from all First and Second Division clubs in relegation trouble, for none has snapped him up and the transfer deadline is now getting mighty close.

IF HE IS FIT it is certain that Colin Todd will this week play his first game at the Baseball Ground since last autumn... but this time in Everton's colours.

It will give most of his Derby fans and admirers their first opportunity to see Toddo since his transfer. Inevitably fans will bemoan his departure, and will link him with Archie Gemmill and Charlie George, who have also left us among others in the past 18 months.

Fans are inclined to keep asking why each star was allowed to go... completely ignoring the fact that each **wanted** to go, each with his own reason. In Colin's case he felt a move would inject purpose into his career now that he had reached 30.

It's a fact of life that clubs who try to hang on to stars who want "away" never come out as the winners.

We suggest we all remember that as we give Toddo an extra special welcome back on Saturday afternoon!

LETTER BOX

It's fun travelling

EVEN THOUGH this isn't the best of seasons for Derby County, it is my first season as a follower of the Rams away from home.

Many funny things happen on your travels, and at the Rams match at Tottenham I had the pleasure of meeting two Derby supporters from the London district. Proudly showing their colours they quickly informed me that I was on the wrong train, which was going to Watford. They were on the station platform at the time.

They, like us, started supporting the Rams in the first bad season of 76-77. They haven't seen much success, yet, but one thing we're sure of, there's bound to be some to come before long.



Leave Caskey Alone

WHAT ANNOYS us is the moaners who keep hitting at Billy Caskey. We have never seen such a tryer, and if only there was someone up there in front to play with him, he'd have shown everybody by now.

Have you an action picture of him, even though he was dropped had the Wolves match been played on Saturday. — Popsiders (names enclosed).

● Here's a shot (above) from our last home game against Leeds. United keeper David Harvey plucks a high cross out of the air from three Rams players, with Billy Caskey right next to him almost turning inside out from his attempt to get at the ball. The rest, left to right: Steve Powell, Keith Parkinson (Leeds), John Duncan.

Another Cockney

HQ Vice Chairman Eddie Strachan tells us that among the very few Rams fans at Middlesbrough was a London lad whose train would get back at 8 am — just in time for him to get to work. He doesn't know the man's name... but we'd like to hear from him. Fans like this are rare these days... K. P., Greaves Close, Arnold, NOTTS. (Full name and address enclosed).

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HARRY BROWN'S RAM TALK

How I lost two old friends . . .

SADLY, I fell out with two old mates last Tuesday, and all because of Rams and Radio Derby. They had come to my new home in Matlock Bath to see how I looked after six weeks in Nottingham City Hospital.

When they left a ten-year-old friendship was decidedly shaky.

So what was it all about? Simply that the lads told me that since I had been bed-bound from the end of January, they had become so frustrated by Rams' displays that they had quit.

They no longer went to the Baseball Ground on match days . . . no longer motored to the away matches, like the one at Middlesbrough.

I told them I'd give my right arm to be able to travel away: "Not had you see 'em lately", they both told me.

But as 7.30 neared, they reminded me that Radio Derby would be giving score flashes and regular short reports from Ayrson by Barry Eccleston. "Mustn't miss it," they said. I told them I thought they'd given Rams up for Lent, and that if they couldn't bother to support them in the flesh then why bother to become second class supporters? "We're Rams fans. We'll always be that," they said, "so switch on!" Not a please in sight, mark you.

I refused. I told them I'd been listening to Radio Derby since I moved into the area on January 5 and all I had tuned in to were defeats . . . until I now found the voice of Dave Fern, the studio anchorman positively depressing. "I'll pick up the score from Radio Two", I told them.

That's when they walked out . . . suggesting pretty forcibly they wished they hadn't come, and were thankful they had a radio in the car. Supporters? I ask you . . .

A Rugby Verdict

JUST BEFORE I went out of circulation for a couple of months I met a most interesting customer at the Baseball Ground . . . former Great Britain Rugby League coach Albert Fearnley, now coach at Blackpool Rugby League club.

"I love soccer. It gets me away from the worries and problems of my own game. I can relax for a while," he told me.

But one thing about our game irritates him. "I wish you'd apply the ten-yard rule." Which would mean that every time a player argued with a referee's decision the resultant free kick was placed ten yards nearer his own goal.

Ah, that really would be something.

Roy Mac makes a brave boy happy

Last autumn the Baseball Ground took seven years old Rams mascot, little John Boden from Danesmoor, Chesterfield, to their hearts when they heard he had had open heart surgery in 1975.

He is now in Weston Bank Hospital's Ward 10 in Sheffield and is doing very well. This week he received a letter from Roy McFarland. "We all remember him as a brave little boy," says the thoughtful Rams skipper, "and I always have time in circumstances like this."



Radio Derby's soccer commentator Barrie Eccleston in palmier days . . . broadcasting from Slovan Bratislava's ground in Czechoslovakia during the 1975 European Cup run.

**No, I insisted,
we will not
listen to the
Rams on radio**

THERE are it seems an increasing number of former Baseball Ground regulars who are turning to Radio Derby as Rams' disastrous slide goes on.

I gather that from Ram mail in which I found five letters asking why Radio Derby only went to the match five or six times during any game . . . and then only for brief reports of the proceedings.

Why can't they give us a running commentary? they all asked. The answer is simple: they are not allowed to do so, by Football League edict.

Despite the fact that for nearly two months now, my illness meant I have had to rely on Radio Derby to take me through each match . . .

despite the fact that the restricted reportage irritated me . . . it stands out a mile how right are the Football League to keep radio subdued.

Clubs going through thin times, as Derby County right now, have one heck of a job on their hands to hang on to the less fervent sections of their support.

Says Rams' General Secretary Stuart Webb: "There is a strong body of opinion in the game that local radio can affect gates, and that they are given too much time on the air as it stands now. Any further extension is out of the question."

I wonder how many of these absentees remain Ram readers . . . because I'd like as many of them as possible to tell me if they have turned to Radio Derby — and if so, WHY?

Well . . . I only asked.

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DERBY COUNTY'S First Division place hangs in the balance.

Five consecutive defeats before Saturday's postponed game at Molineux have plunged Rams into serious trouble.

The main reason for Derby's slump is their lack of penetration in the opposing penalty area. Between the home victory over Queens Park Rangers, and the match with Middlesbrough, Derby played 12 League games winning just one, at Southampton. The sorry record reads:

P12 W1 D3 L9 F6 A18 Pts5.

The goalscorers in this period have been:

Gerry Daly 3 (2p), Steve Powell, Steve Buckley, John Duncan.

Duncan's goal at Southampton is the last scored by a striker. The Rams have only scored 29 goals in 28 games and of these only 12 have come from the recognised strike force, a really dismal return.

This lack of success has contributed to the defence being overworked, leading to a massive goal against record already. The sparse return in the last 12 games has seen Derby plummet from a comfortable mid-table position into the relegation struggle.

The position is not really new to Derby as they have fallen from the heights over the past 33 months. Despite maintaining a reasonably good record at home, the real trouble has been when travelling from the Baseball Ground. The home record has been dented recently, but the Rams have managed to accrue 70 points from their last 57 League games at the Baseball Ground with 25 wins and 20 draws in that period. However, the paltry return from away games has been a mere 30 points from 57 League games up to and including the away fixture at Middlesbrough, which means that the Rams have won only 100 points from 114 League games.

They have scored 92 goals to 61 against at home but only a mere 42 goals to 104 away from home.

Indeed, during the 1976/77 season Rams completed their entire League fixture list without an away victory, a record which only Aston Villa have equalled in the last 50 years. So with only six victories from their last 57 League games away from home the Rams' position looks bleak.

If one adds the record of the last five games in 1975-76 one can readily see that 103 points from 118 League games is the main reason for Derby's dilemma.

The second phase of the season was completed with the last home game, against Leeds. And the return from these 14 matches was nine points, which equalled the 1976-77 return of the same stage. Derby's position is just as precarious as that of two seasons ago, although this season they were one point better off after 28 games. The lowest return in the previous nine seasons for the final phase of 14 games is 14 points achieved both last season and in the 1972-73 season. A further 14 points would give the Rams 36 points, a total normally aimed at by clubs as being enough to preserve First Division status. But it's the strike force which worries. The Rams scored 75 goals in the League in 1975-76, a season which saw them finish in fourth place and reach the F.A. Cup semi-finals. Since then they have managed only 134 goals in 113 League games!

Derby have never really recovered from that semi-final three years ago, and the backbone of the successful Rams' team up to that point has now disappeared.

Those players had class, as had the players who comprised the Championship team of 1971-72, and there was the degree of experience and youth blended in all parts of the team. Now one wonders whether their replacements really do have the necessary class? With regard to the strike force, though, both John Duncan and Gordon Hill have been plagued by injury since their arrival, and both are proven goalscorers. They have played in only five matches together for Derby while midfield has given Rams cause for concern as various players have been tried in a combination with Daly and Powell.

The type of player of the Willie Carlin or Archie Gemmill mould is probably needed, and the Rams do not appear to have one of those available. Until the quality of the midfield and attack is improved therefore it would seem that the Rams will struggle to score goals and therefore struggle to survive in the highest company.

This week's home fixtures with Bolton and Everton coming up are vital if the Rams are to start to repair the damage at home, though the fixtures are difficult. Vital away games with those involved in the fight for survival could also provide the Rams with valuable points, or they could see us entrenched in the bottom three.

The answer lies with the present staff, who now have to prove themselves good enough. Keep fighting Rams, and the best of luck!

● **MIKE WILSON**



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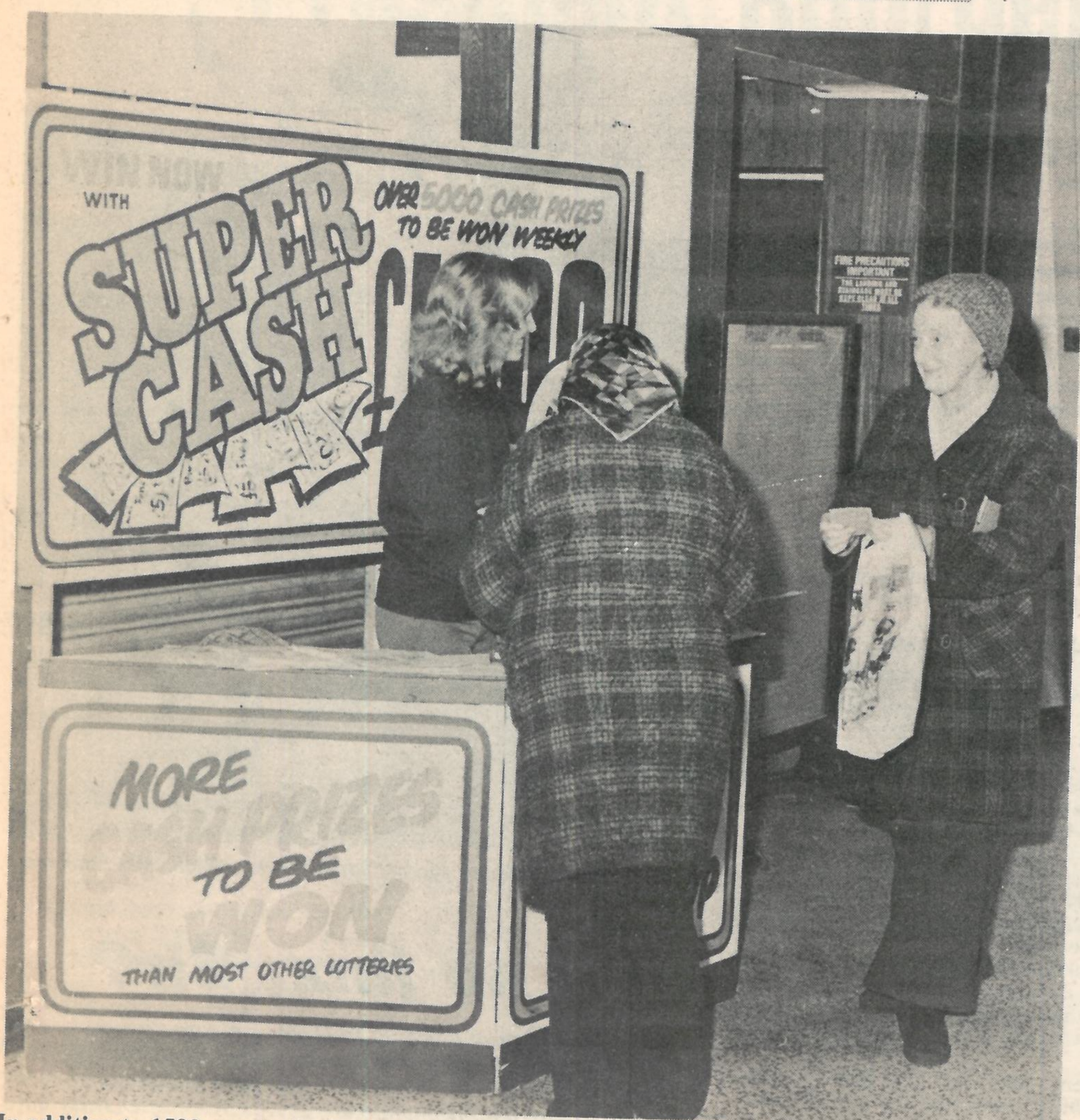
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"It's as though the public have decided to put more into the club, especially those who have stopped going to matches.

"And there again, our tickets and prizes are so good that everyone who likes a flutter knows they are the best around," says Commercial manager Stuart Robinson. "I believe that has a lot to do with it."

He added: "Probably a mixture of both . . . for sales are going up and up all the time."

Top of the lot is the Rams' *Gold Rush Lottery*, which pays out a £1,000 Jackpot winner each week plus £3,500 more. "The secret, I think," says Rams' General Secretary Stuart Webb, "is that we keep the lottery fresh with new ideas, new incentives. People who once thought sales would go according to results on the field are way wrong. The *Gold Rush* is established as the area's leading lottery because of its prizes, because of the ticket itself, and because of the way the competition is presented. It's at the top on its own merit. Everyone likes a flutter and *Gold Rush* is proving to be the ideal lottery to flutter on."

The 20p *Super Cash* ticket is another winner. There are now more than 1500 agents selling it throughout the area, and here again sales are spiralling. The ticket offers a £1,000 first prize on a Bingo full house in the fewest numbers, £1200 on a three-card pontoon and £1,300 on a three-shot "bandit" as well as other prizes.

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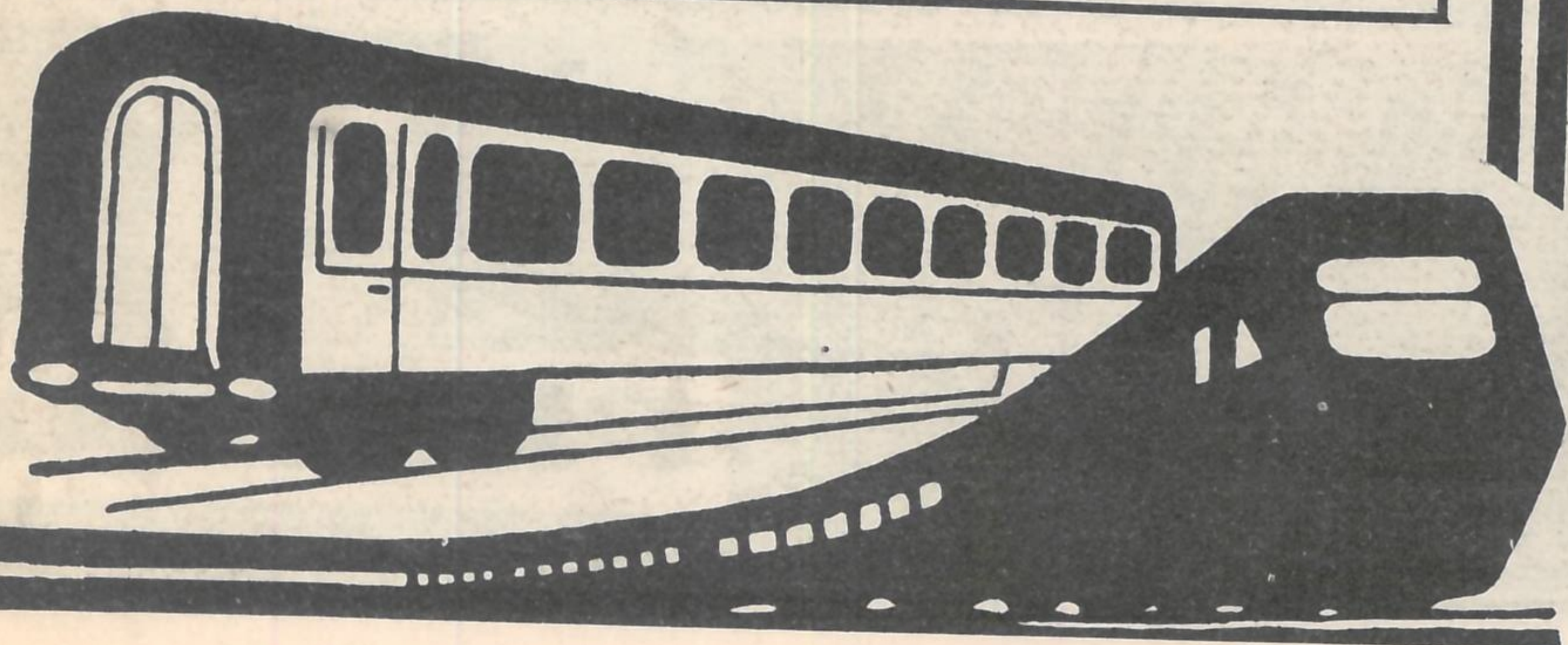
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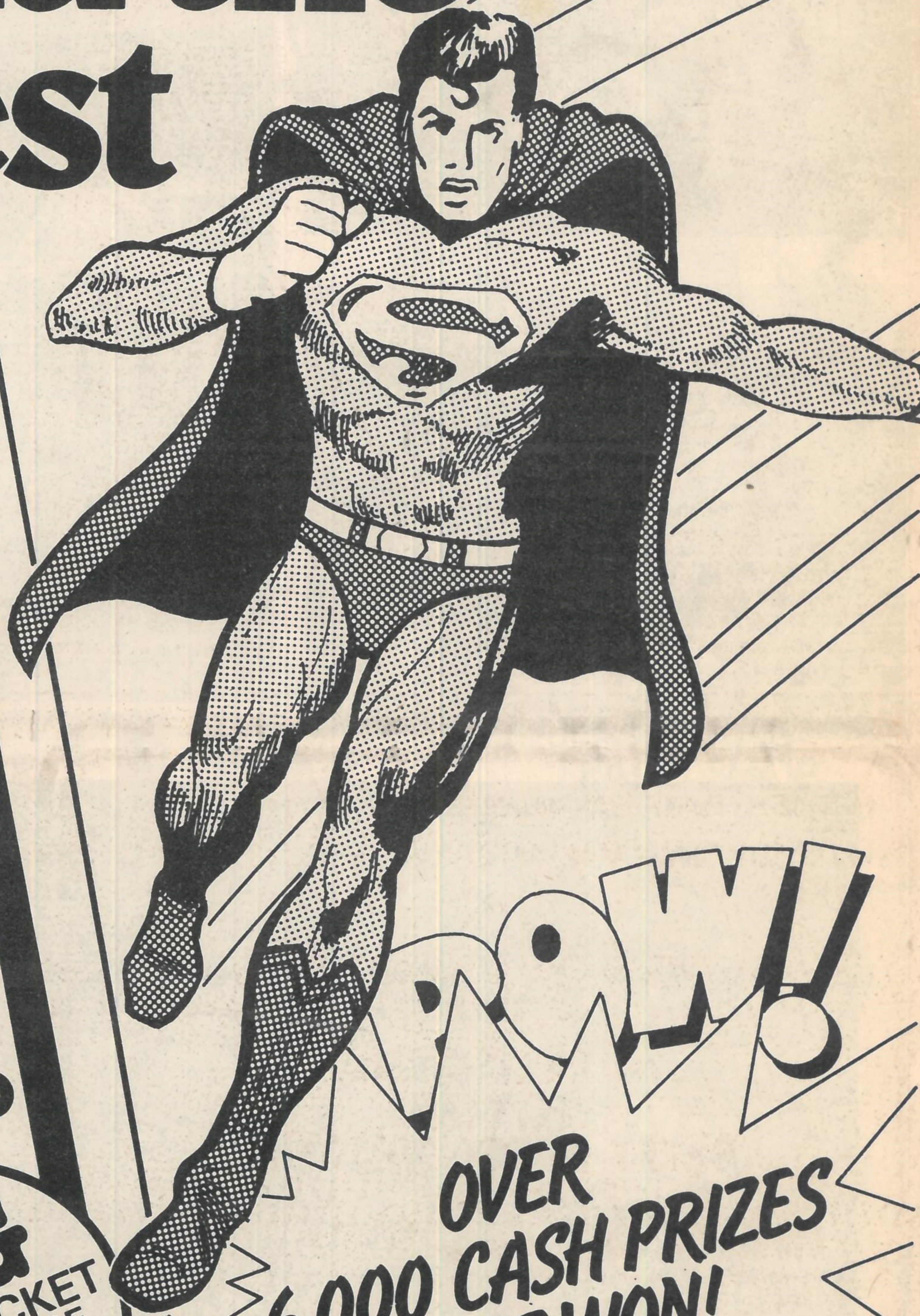
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A tale of two penalties . . .



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IT LOOKED as though the goal famine which went right back to Steve Buckley's beauty against Norwich on February 10, would be over.

It was just before the interval in our last home match with Leeds when Gerry Daly, was heavily brought down inside the box by Brian Flynn. There was a delay before the resultant penalty could be taken, as both players needed treatment (pic 1). When he got up, Gerry looked decidedly shaky . . . but as no-one else looked keen to take over the responsibility Gerry took it on and made his usual run-up (pic 2) only to hit a weak shot which David Harvey saved rather easily (pic 3).

"We have no other player experienced in taking penalties," explained Doc, and perhaps he was right at that.

In the very next game, at Middlesbrough on Tuesday last week, Rams won another penalty, and Gerry took it. This time he wasn't dazed . . . this time he hit it fair and square past Boro 'keeper Jim Platt.

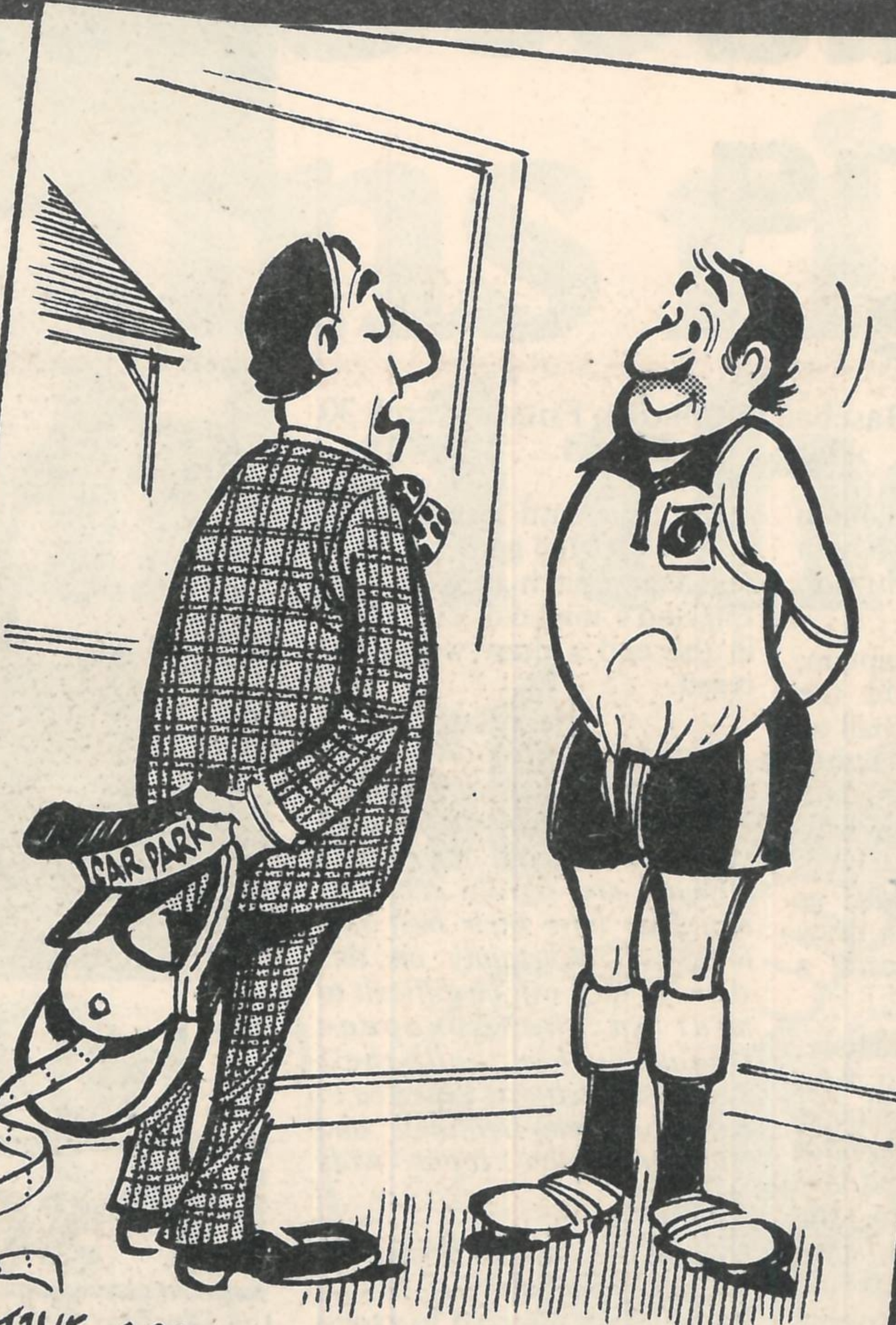
A brave goal for a brave player on whom so many hopes are pinned to lead Rams out of the relegation mire . . .



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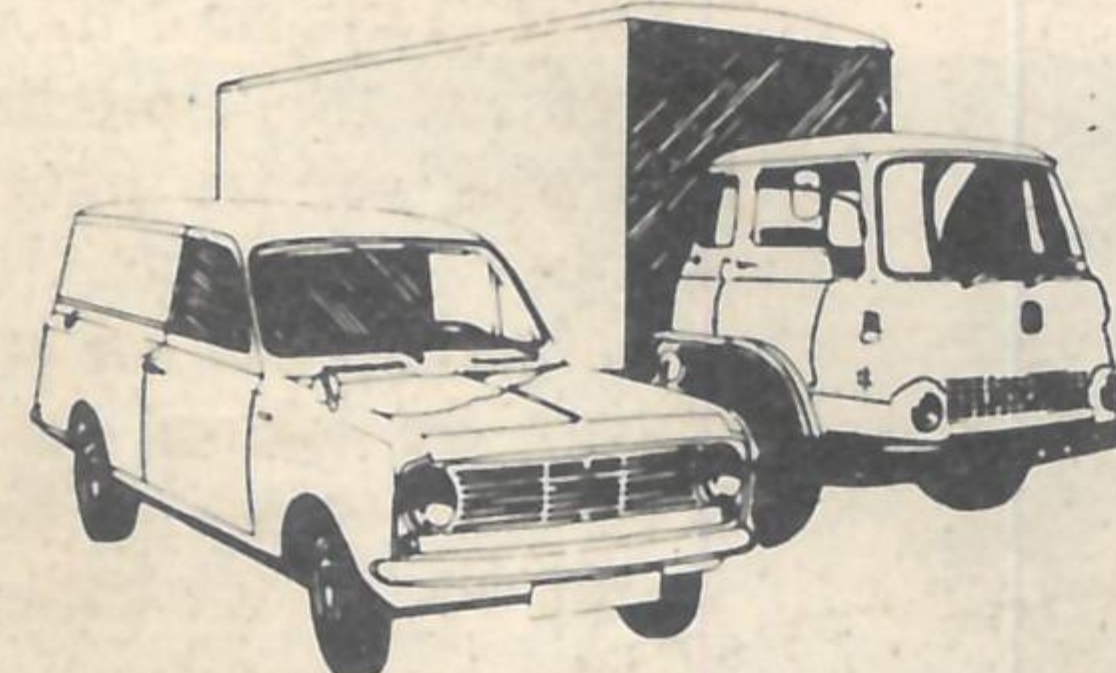
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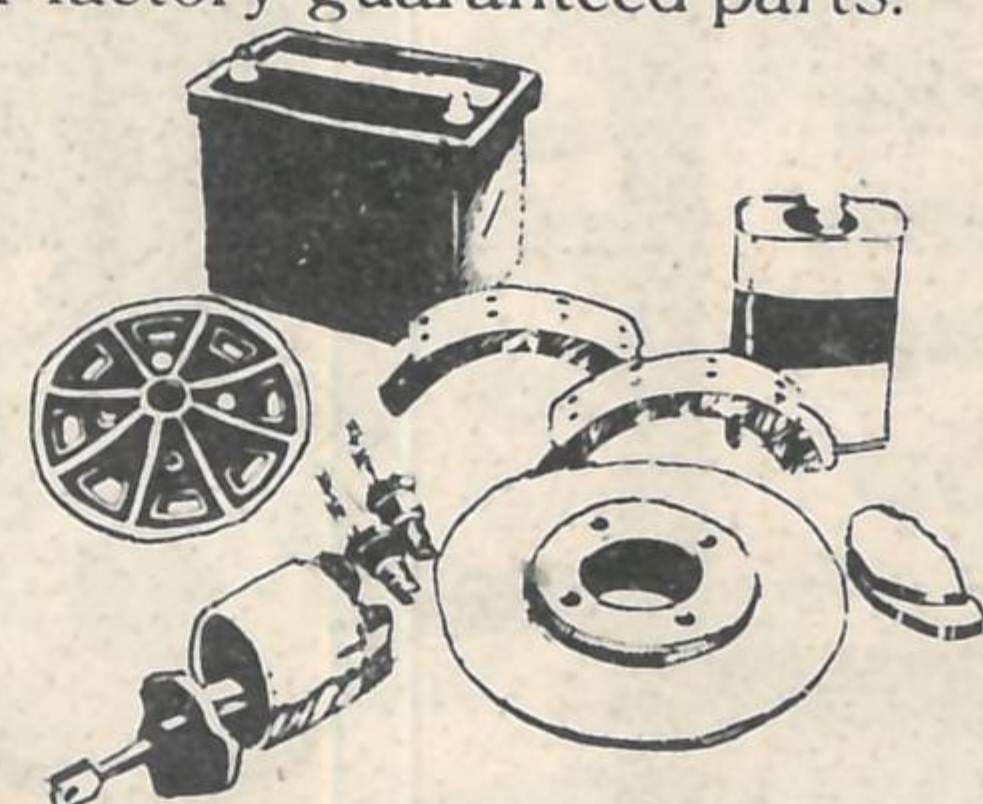
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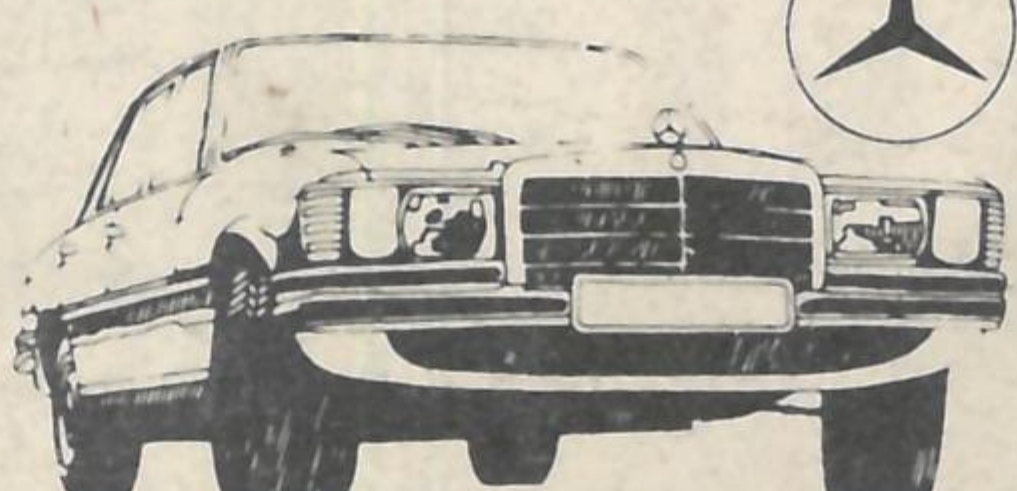
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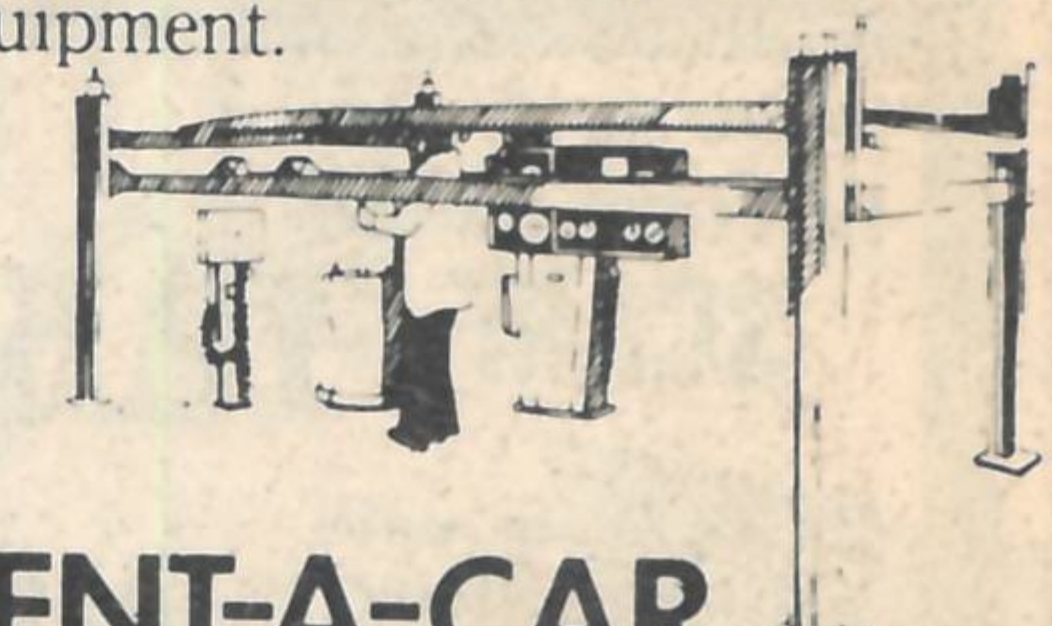
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Both could be fighting for place

ALL IS SET for the Schoolboy international at the Baseball Ground on Friday March 30 between England and Holland. (7p.m.)

The final England squad has been chosen, and are pictured on the right. Here are their names, and the schools Association to which each boy belongs as well as the League clubs for whom most have now signed Associated Schoolboy forms.

Back Row L to R: Chris Dykes (Workshop, Sheffield Utd); Mark Walters (West Midlands, Aston Villa); Kevin Ash (West Midlands, Everton); Colin Oakley (East Durham, Sheffield Utd); Simon Farnworth (Preston, Manchester Utd); Philip Dunstone (Barnsley); Mark Annon (Croydon, Crystal Palace); Sean Lane (Hereford, Hereford Utd).

Front Row: Andrew May (Bury); Tim Cook (Shrewsbury, Shrewsbury Town); Trevor Steven (Berwick, Burnley); Keith Tierney (West Lanes, Everton); Darren Wood (Scarborough, Middlesbrough); Mark Rowe (Cornwall, Plymouth Argyle); Andy

Rollock (Enfield, Tottenham Hotspur). Missing from picture: Mark Hutchinson (Stoke).

Darren Wood, the captain, has made his mark in the history of schools' football as the first player whose father was also captain of England Boys in the 1950's, and who also played his first international against N. Ireland as Darren did in the 0-0 draw with Northern Ireland a fortnight ago.

The game, at Carlisle, although goal-less was a most exciting contest with chances created by both sides. But some weak finishing, and two outstanding displays by the respective goalkeepers, prevented the goals which would have sealed a most enjoyable game. There was a contrast in styles with N. Ireland using the long ball out of defence and midfield, and England concentrating on the shorter pass and more methodical build up.

For the last 20 minutes of the first half England got well on top, playing the more

attractive and methodical football. As the game wore on the heavy pitch took its toll, England's midfield 'died', and in the end a draw was a fair result.

England can be quite pleased with their first outing. N. Ireland had already beaten Wales and Eire, and their officials are rightly confident that they have their best side for years. Certainly on this showing they will be difficult to beat in the European Championship and their League, which was expected to rest between Scotland and Germany, now looks wide open.

England meet Wales at Wembley on Saturday, March 24 and with a crowd in excess of 65,000 assured, this should prove an ideal final warm up for their championship quest in the following ten days.

With Ireland's defeat of Wales it looks even more certain that the England v Holland game here on March 30 will be the decisive one in



The kick off next week is seven o'clock

the Western League.

On Wednesday, March 28, England should be able to account for Switzerland at Sheffield and Holland must be confident of beating Wales at Scunthorpe. Both teams should come to Derby with a win, and a victory at the Baseball Ground should

decide the league title with its place in the final. But with final places depending on goal difference if points are equal, every team must go flat out to get goals, and this should lead to attacking football in every match.

With all the eight squads due in England on Sunday,

March 25, the tension is growing for all concerned, but the prospects for a really outstanding championship and fine games all over the country look very good indeed. And none better than this England-Holland clash at the Baseball Ground on March 30.

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MANY THANKS to all those who have written to me with suggestions about additions to the Junior Rams programme for next season.

I have been thinking about next term for some time now, looking over events that have proved popular in the past and weighing up new ideas we might incorporate in the future. The steady flow of letters I get is always a useful indicator of opinion, so carefully note your comments.

As I have said in this column many times before, you have done us proud, and we are anxious to see combined into our plans for you anything and everything that will help us to say thank you in a big way to you all. I will be revealing some of the things lined up for you shortly, and I can promise there will be some exciting and spectacular ingredients in next year's

ALL ABOUT MASCOTS

IT'S NO USE youngsters applying for the team mascot's job this season all places are allocated, advises Junior Rams' Co-ordinator Steve Stone on this page.

Below are two of the lucky lads who have walked onto the Baseball Ground turf for a pre-match kick-about with the team.



Huddersfield's William Bannister is a Rams fanatic and seven of his family and friends all season ticket holders watched him do the mascot's job against Liverpool. Sorry we couldn't oblige with a win, William ...



Mascot against Liverpool was Andrew Perkins.

itinerary.

We are not very far short of last year's record membership. And that can't be bad, considering our near neighbours picked up a League Championship.

They might be making some inroads into Derby County's support, but your support has been tremendous and our popularity is still incredible world-wide.

I have recently replied to letters from Australia, Spain and Norway and I will be welcoming Ann Callis from Dublin and Paul Cleale from Southampton to the Everton game this week. Paul rings regularly for news of the Rams, and is looking forward to visiting the Baseball Ground for the first time.

For many living away from Derby, just coming to the Baseball Ground is an ambition realised.

IF YOU remember, I asked last issue for any interesting and unusual dream you might want to come true. Drop me a line at the Baseball Ground and let me know about it, and I'll see if I can stand in for Mr Savile and fix it for you, if it's to do with Derby County.

WE ARE still getting letters from youngsters wanting to be a mascot. Unfortunately, I am unable to accommodate the majority as matches were allocated some time ago.



By STEVE STONE

JUNIOR RAMS

Watch out for great fun next season!

The rest of the season's matches have all been allocated now, and I regret we have no more vacancies.

The full list for the rest of the season is as follows:

April 7 v Bristol C., C. Westby; 14 v Forest, J. Bannister; 21 v Arsenal, C. Bright; May 5 v Middlesbrough, P. Clarke.

Birthday Greetings go out to Birthday Club members:-

Laren Yoemans on March 10; Lisa Kirk (11), Alison Jarvis and Keith Harvey on the 12th; Graham Spencer (13); Heather Foster and Steven Greenhaugh on the 14th; Gary Hall (15); Jason Goodman (16); Nicholas Pymm on the 17th; Shaun Spencer, Gareth Jones and

Clare Gordon (18); Rebecca Matthews on the 19th; Amanda Horsnall (21); Robert Clare (22); Donna Burke and Colin Beresford on the 23rd. Belated greetings too to Sean Booth February 28.

Birthday Greetings to: Andrew Turner, March 5 and Jane Hallison on the 23rd.

These belated greetings are due to non-appearance of column in the last issue.

Birthday Greetings now, for the days ahead. They go out to: Stephen Carroll on March 24; Pippa Bannister (25); Carl Westby on the 27th; Julie Glossop, Brian Moseley, Paul Steeples and Malcolm Boden on April 4; Russell Broadhurst, Kevin Leeson and Angela Westby (5); Emma Mae Fyden on the 6th.



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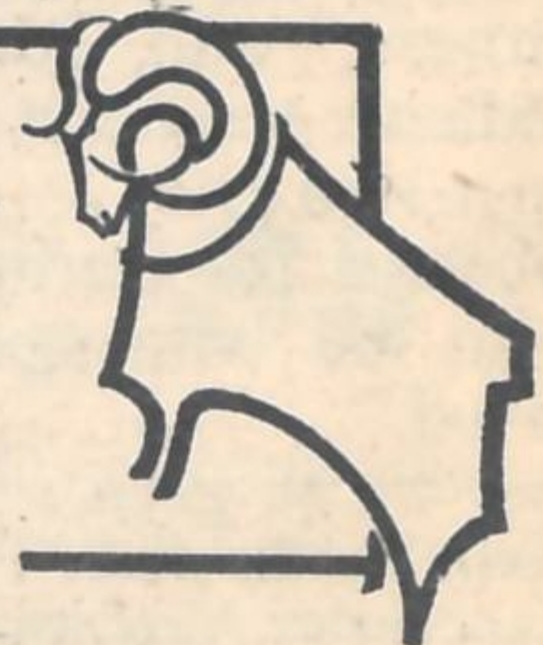
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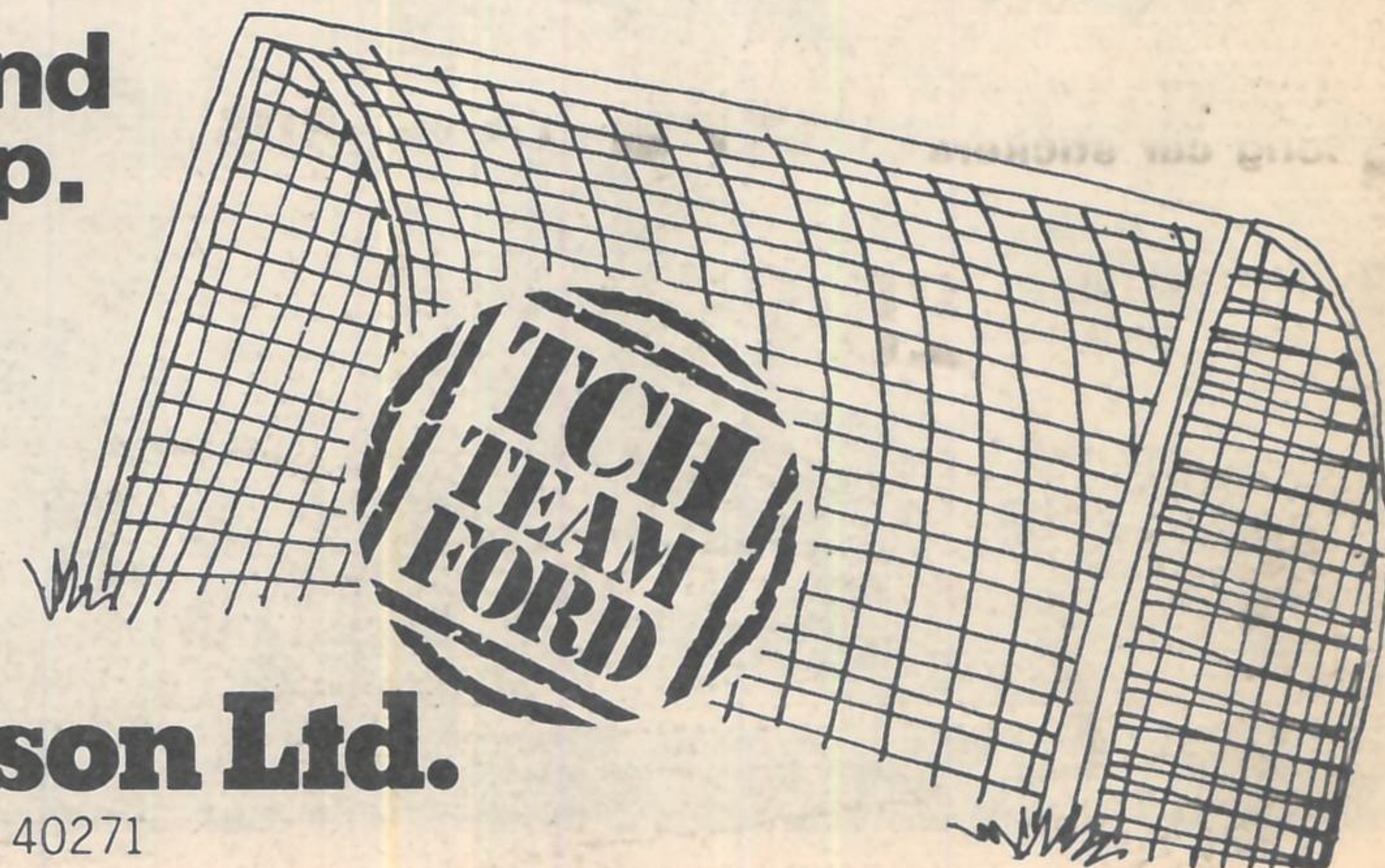
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There will be dancing to the "Bev Wild Sound", a half-time disco, and cabaret by talented comedian Chris Peters. In fact you're offered non-stop fun from an 8 pm kick-off through to the final whistle at 2 am.

You can treat yourself to a meal, have a small snack, or simply settle for a drink in either of the two bars. Whatever you want it's all at the Pavilion on April 7.

This night is for Ron. It is South Peak's way of saying "thank you", and they want you, the ordinary Derby County supporter to share in it. Tickets are priced £2. Now that won't break the bank — so get yours now by phoning either Matlock 3772 or Darley Dale 4232, or by contacting any South Peak committee member.

Just a final word. Already the demand for tickets is high, so don't waste too much time "thinking about it". Reserve yours now, and help to make it a sell-out for Ron.

Norwegians Man of the Match Award

NINE members of the Norwegian branch of DCFC Supporters Clubs are travelling to England at Easter to cheer on Rams at Villa Park, and against Forest at the Baseball Ground.

Liaison Officer Ernie Hallam tells us: "There are 124 members, and lots more would have come but for other commitments. Tehir enthusiasm for Derby County has to be witnessed to be believed."

They will be given a righ troyal welcome by the club. They arrive at Manchester Airport on April 10 and Chairman Mr George Hardy has guaranteed their transport to this area.

A parade involign our Norwegian fans is being planned for the Forest game, while, while after the match our visitors plan to make a presentation to the Derby player who, in their opinion, is the man of the match.

After the game they are being taken to the Ilkeston branch dinner dance, and the club pay tribute to Ilkeston officials' ready co-operation in this.

The previous Thursday it is hoped a social evening can be arranged at the Sportsman's Club in the Baseball Ground. Heanor branch have been keen to visit the Sportsman's for a social, and it is hoped they will be the special guests on the night.

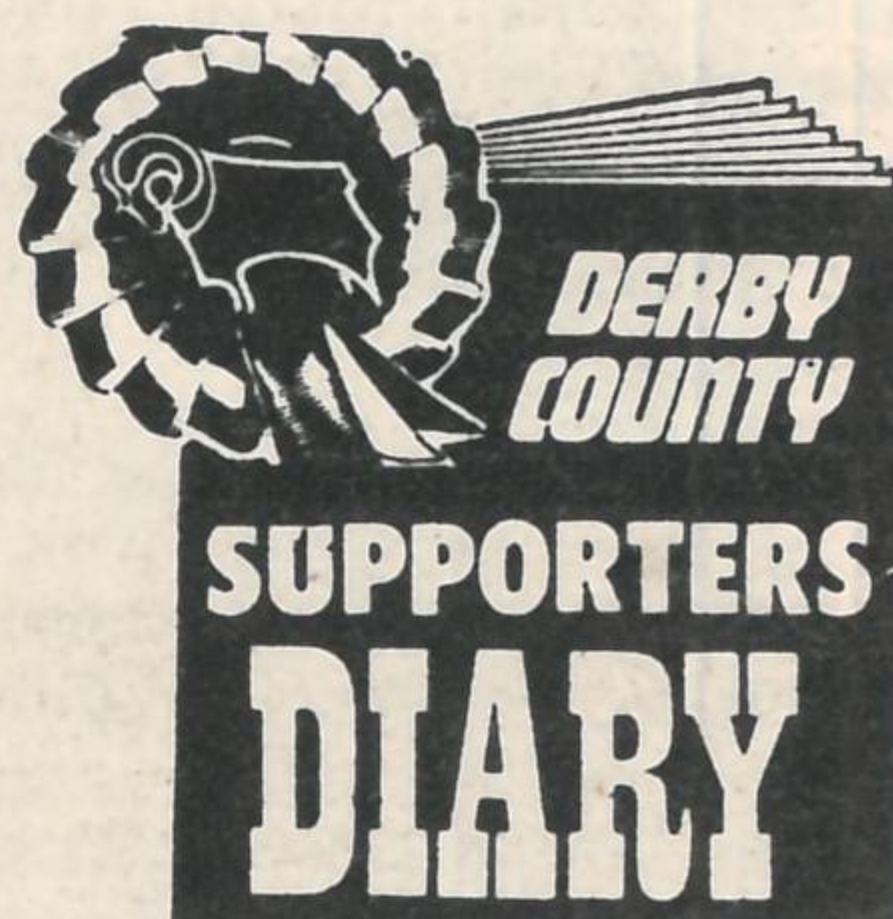
If any supporters have any ideas or suggestions on the entertainment of our visitors on Sunday, April 15 Ernie Hallam would be delighted to hear from them. The Norwegians fly back home the next day.

Ilkeston trip

Ilkeston branch are running a trip to QPR next Saturday... but with a difference. Earlier, they will visit Wembley for a tour of the ground that includes the Royal Box, the dressing rooms and the pitch along with a recorded version of the Wembley roar, as the hallowed turf is trodden on.

Junior soccer

S. E. Derbyshire branch in conjunction with Steve Stone are proposing to start a Junior Rams Sunday Football League with teams from the DCFC Supporters' Club branches. Interested branches are asked to contact South East Derbyshire secretary Alan Beadlin as soon as possible.



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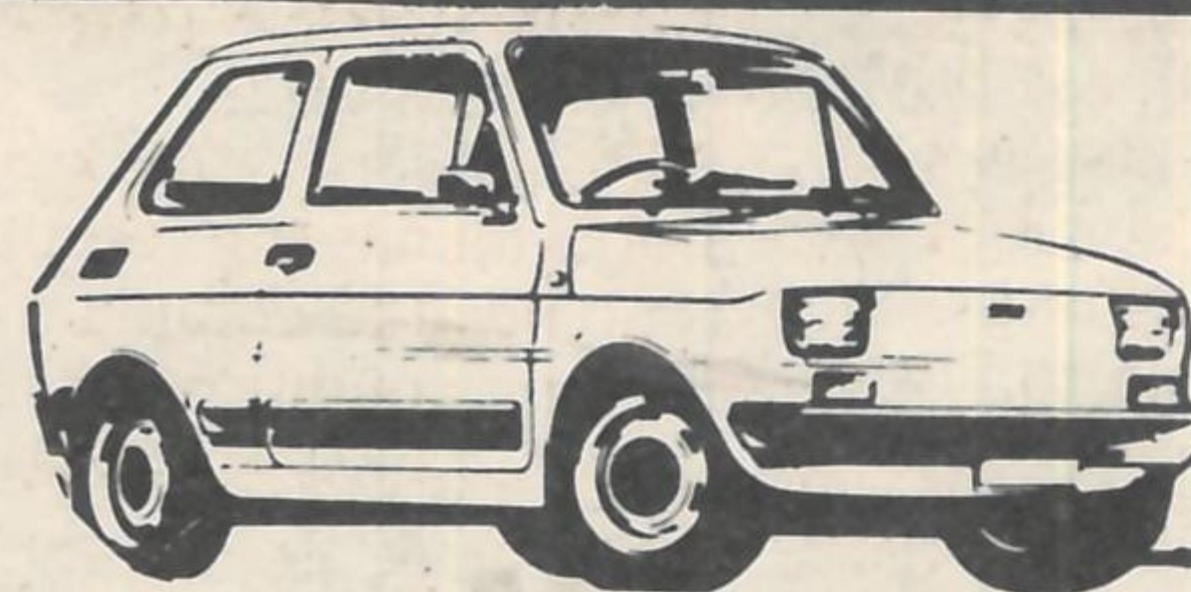
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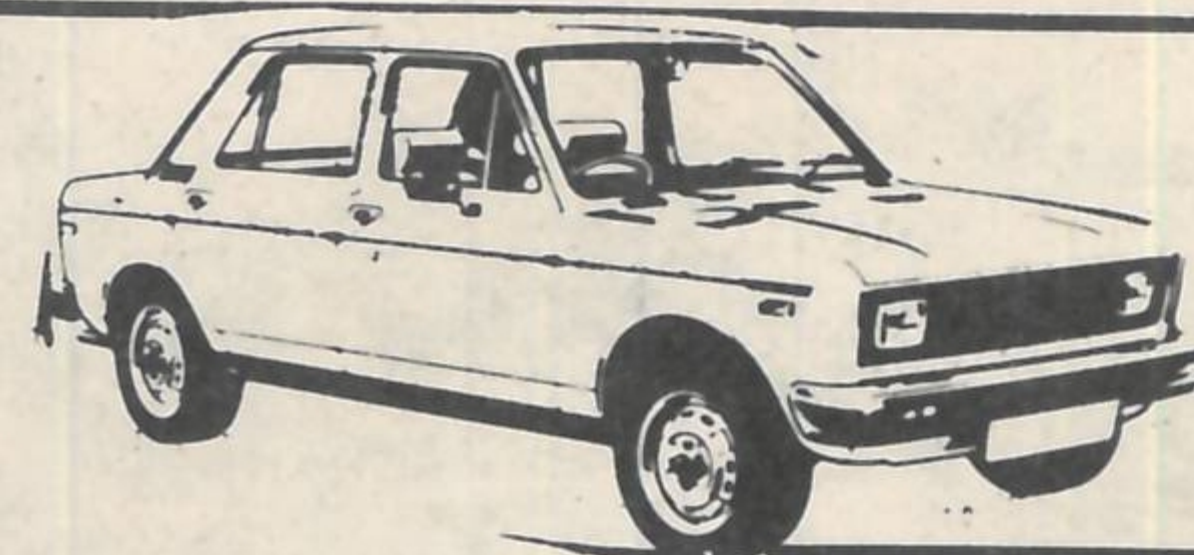
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TERRACE GUIDE

By Bill X

Almost alone at Boro

IF THERE were 30 Derby supporters 'at Middlesbrough last Tuesday that was the top limit ... and that number includes the directors who travelled with the official party.

I was one of them, so I feel I may be excused if I comment on the handful of stalwarts now trying to rally Rams out of their relegation worries ... and wonder what has happened to the braying thousands of the success days?

Yet the team needs you behind them if they are to pick up away points. The last time Ramaway went on its travels to Tottenham, I'm told, well under 100 people travelled.

I was one of them.

Where are so many of my travelling companions of former days who swore to "support you for evermore"? Not gone to another team ... surely!!

Who's travelling with me?

AFTER the Everton game this week we must pay the price for the luxury of two consecutive home games ... and embark on our travels once again.

This time we have a Saturday trip to Loftus Road for a First Division clash with fellow relegation candidates Queen's Park Rangers. On the following Wednesday we head straight back to London for our final game of the season in the Capital for yet another re-arranged fixture, this time at Stamford Bridge when we face Chelsea, another struggling London Club.

Q.P.R. are not the easy touch people think they are — nor are their fans. All right, I admit, once you are in the ground you are pretty safe, but there is still the notorious London underground, where one misplaced vowel or stray northern or midlands accent can land you in all sorts of trouble.

Take the tube to White City (not Shepherd's Bush as suggested in many football handbooks). The ground is just behind Broadcasting House. Cross the road when you come out of the tube station, and go down South Africa Road. The famous White City dog track is on your right.

The ground is on your left about $\frac{3}{4}$ of a mile down the South Africa Road. Stand in the South Africa Road end, where you will come to little harm, providing you act in a responsible manner.

If you are contemplating a return visit four days later for the Chelsea match take extra special care at all times, on the tube and outside and inside the ground.

We received League Cup heave-ho on Bolton's last visit

WE ARE gathered together on Wednesday for only this season's SECOND home midweek match when our visitors are Bolton Wanderers ... and only because it's a re-arranged fixture.

My hopes are threefold: 1. the result falls kindly for the Rams. 2. The performance matches the effort of 11 days ago when Leeds United were the visitors. 3. I should like to see the terraces a little more tightly packed for both the Bolton game on Wednesday and the visit of Everton on Saturday, with whose visit we are combining this edition of the *Ram*. So the cast in order of appearance and Bolton Wanderers are no newcomers to evening football at the Baseball Ground. In 1976 they fought, a Football League Cup Quarter Final tie here and won by two goals to one after trailing to a Charlie George first half penalty.

Bolton returned to the First Division this season, coming up as Second Division

sion Champions along with Southampton and Tottenham. The Bolton people are not unaccustomed to success, and from the heart of Lancashire's mill country the name of Wanderers has reverberated around football arenas all over the country.

Just how many of us are left? I just wonder.

HE'S BACK

And so are our bogeys, Everton

ON SATURDAY the visit of Everton provides something special for Derby supporters because HE is back! HE has returned!

Of course you will have guessed by now that I am referring to our former majestic defender, Colin Todd.

Toddo, as he was affectionately known, left with the good wishes of every true Rams fan, for his future at Goodison.

Colin joined us from Sunderland in a £175,000 deal, and remained a firm crowd favourite to the end. His own particular brand of defensive quality brought a whole new dimension to defending. Rams' former assistant manager Peter Taylor once said of him:

"The average supporter will never appreciate Colin Todd on a game-to-game basis. But over a season you will look back and try to remember when he put a foot wrong — and you won't be able to."

I am sure all Evertonians here today will agree with that, and I hope you have as much pleasure over the years watching Toddo as we at Derby had.

So we welcome the supporters of Everton to the "Baseball Ground", where they haven't seen their side lose a League game since 1973 when Rams won by the odd goal in five.

Since then Everton have won 1-0, 3-1, 3-2, and 1-0, a solitary 1-0 Rams F.A. Cup win in 1976 are the only tangible signs of respect we can draw from this clash, but even then Everton rested on their laurels as we disposed of their rivals across Stanley Park in the next (4th) Round.

A Roger Davies effort clinched a single goal victory over Liverpool.

Should Derby manage a win I hope manager Gordon Lee has no need to complain about atrocious conditions.



Here he is ... as he was ... in a Rams shirt. Your favourite, and mine, Colin Todd —

NO OTHER NOMINEE?

I WAS VERY pleased with the fine spirit Rams showed against Leeds United, but the visitors left the Baseball Ground with another two points as a John Hawley goal kept the Leeds bogey at Derby alive and well.

One must feel sorry for Gerry Daly who, after he was "jumped upon" by Brian Flynn, won a penalty. Then had the misfortune to see David Harvey brilliantly save a firmly taken spot-kick. It would have been a better idea though to let someone else take the kick, for from the moment of the collision Gerry looked pretty well dazed right up to half time. Didn't anyone nominate a substitute kicker if Daly was in any way incapacitated?

Gerry is still the best, and he did succeed from the spot at Middlesbrough. By the way, I don't see why the poor lad must be associated with rice pudding!

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THEIR SQUAD OF 15

AS YOU will see below, the backbone of Bolton's squad is provided by local players . . . backed by bargain imports of tremendous experience.

With former Leicester and England star striker Frank Worthington

Jim McDonagh (goalkeeper). Signed from Rotherham United in 1976 when Barry Sidall left to join Sunderland. Has been a regular choice ever since, and is now approaching his 100th League game for the club.

Peter Nicholson (defender). Joined Wanderers for a small fee from Blackpool in 1972 and has given outstanding service to the club. Played almost 250 League games. Considered "a fantastic bargain" by Bolton.

Tony Dunne (defender). Former Manchester United and Eire International full-back whose experience has been invaluable to Bolton. Dunne has now turned down a new contract offer as he thinks now is the time to quit.

Paul Jones (defender). Made his debut in 1971, and although he made only 19 appearances last season has settled well into the centre of the defence. He has made over 300 appearances for the first team.

Michael Walsh (defender). Manchester-born player who gained a regular place in the side in 1977. Made 41 appearances in the promotion season and is an ever-present this term.

Sam Allardyce (defender). Dependable central defender who has recently returned after injury to form a tall and effective partnership with Paul Jones. Has made over 150 appearances for Bolton, his only club.

Roy Greaves (midfield). A long-serving player who made 40 appearances last season. The recognised penalty-taker of the side, Greaves has scored over 60 goals from his 450 League appearances.

Willie Morgan (midfield). Scottish international and former Burnley and Manchester United player who missed only one game last season. A recognised winger, Morgan has proved to be a bargain investment at Burnden Park. Has made almost 550 League appearances during his career.

Peter Reid (midfield). Another one-club player who scored nine goals last season. Approaching his 170th League game since making his debut five years ago.

David Burke (midfield). Liverpool-born youngster who made his debut earlier this season, and now pressing for a regular place in the side.

Neil McNab (midfield). Former Morton and Spurs player who cost Bolton a club record £250,000 last October. An ever-present at Tottenham last season; but making way for Ardiles, McNab could well realise his ambition of winning a Scottish cap in the near future.

Wednesday

We welcome Bolton Wanderers



BOLTON WANDERERS FC (front, left to right): Ray Train, Neil Whatmore, Roy Greaves, Peter Reid, John Ritson, Tony Dunne, Middle row: Ian Greaves (manager), Terry Poole, Sam Allardyce, Jim McDonagh, Frank Worthington, George Mulhall (assistant manager), Jim Hedridge (physiotherapist). Back row: Peter Nicholson, Alan Gowling, Mike Walsh, Paul Jones.

The club which re-emerged from the shadows

APRIL 29, 1978, brought the end to a nail-biting 1,000 days for Bolton manager Ian Greaves. That was the red letter day when Wanderers finally made it, as Second Division champions.

Hadn't Ian good cause to sit and reflect the long-awaited success? His team had missed the boat the two previous years when they had stood on the landing stage for each of both those entire seasons. When they finally made it I think all football followers breathed a sigh of relief for the Bolton boss, writes Phil Tweed.

For 1,000 days he had planned, hoped, and no doubt prayed for a place amongst the elite. He must have felt like that psychiatrist at a strip-show who spent the entire night studying the audience. Why? Because while his team had been turning it on for those three years, Ian had his eyes on the other promotion rivals. In his own words on that April afternoon "I don't think I could have faced another season of striving for promotion."

So Wanderers finally "came good" and are now beginning to re-establish themselves in their rightful position as a First Division club.

Original members of The Football League, Bolton have a fine history. Founded in 1877, they have played most of their football in the First Division, although the past 15 years have seen them struggle

in the Second while for two seasons they took the dreaded drop into the third.

The then manager Jimmy Armfield did an outstanding job with them and took them back to the Second in 1973. On Armfield's appointment as manager of Leeds Mr Greaves, then assistant to Armfield, took over and in the five years that followed carried on the graft of striving for success in the shadow of the two Manchester clubs.

For a club with such a proud history their League honours have been sparse. It is in the FA Cup competition that Bolton have excelled.

They were the first winners of the trophy when Wembley opened its doors in 1923, and obviously relished the experience because they have returned at regular intervals, taking the Cup again in 1926 and 1929. Over that period only 17 players were needed to achieve the honour and in all three games not a goal was scored against them.

In 1953 they were desperately unlucky to lose the "Matthews Final" to Blackpool when they finished with nine men.

But their compensation came five years later when they beat a patched-up post-

Munich, Manchester United side who included Ian Greaves himself.

Bolton's 1923 win, almost 55 years to their Championship day of last season (April 28) will always be remembered as the White Horse final. Over 200,000 were estimated to have been in the ground for a match delayed for half an hour while the crowd were cleared from the

pitch. Much has been said and written of that occasion, but it ensured that ever after, when FA Cup football was discussed, the name of Bolton Wanderers would be mentioned.

With two thirds of their programme now played, Bolton can take heart that their problems of last year seem to be over as they begin to climb the table.

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SOCCER WEEK

SATURDAY

We welcome Everton

THEIR SQUAD

GEORGE WOOD, Everton's Scottish goalkeeper, must now feel that the wheel of fortune is beginning to turn full cycle.

Early last season, along with most observers, we hailed George as a certainty for Scotland's squad in Argentina.

Alas, he didn't make the trip. And he must attribute that mainly to one unpredictable 4-4 draw against Newcastle when the then Scotland manager Ally Macleod chose to check up on Wood's form and let one swallow convince him it was summer.

The big goalkeeper had a less than ordinary game and his chance had gone.

Contrast this experience with last week's derby game with Liverpool and Wood's superb performance in the 1-1 draw. In the crowd was Jock Stein, currently in charge of Scotland's fortunes who has already selected George for his squad. After that performance his claims to a first full cap must be strengthened.

We'll be looking to Dame Fortune to put the record straight.

IS IT a tip for the future you want?

Then look to a lad who was a snip to big-spenders Everton at £30,000.

John Barton is the name, and the fee represented a record for a non-League player when he arrived from Worcester City last December. Reports on his progress are very favourable, sometimes exciting.

Keep an eye open for him, he may yet follow the Everton greats.

ASK THE local bookmakers for the odds against (or on) Liverpool achieving the League and FA Cup double this season.

You'll not make the profit from a quid to buy half a pound of tripe and a half pint of ale.

There is nothing too surprising about that. The "double" is now hardly mentioned in the somewhat unique terms of a decade ago, while it must be accepted that it wouldn't cause a cocked eyebrow if the Reds won the Boat Race. The Grand National, the Heart of Prince Charles, and the General Election as well.

But to one individual it would represent an achievement perhaps never again to be equalled. Ray Kennedy Liverpool's mid-field convert from Arsenal could emulate his 1971 success of "The Double" when with the Gunners.

Now ask that same bookie to quote odds against any other player achieving "The Double" with different clubs, and your quid could well win you a controlling interest in the Arab Emirates.

Terry Genoe is probably the most improved player in the country. — **WBA manager Ron Atkinson of the Southampton goalkeeper.**

Trevor Francis now looks part and parcel of the set-up to me. — **Brian Clough manager Nottingham Forest.**

Phil Tweed



EVERTON FC: back row, left to right: Mark Higgins, Roger Kenyon, George Wood, Drew Brand, Martin Dobson, Bob Latchford. Middle: E. Harrison (coach), Dave Thomas, Mike Pejic, Colin Todd, Neil Robinson, Geoff Nutty, David Jones, George Telfer, J. McGregor (physio). Front: Andy King, Terry Darracott, Mick Lyons, Gordon Lee (Manager), Billy Wright, Mick Walsh, Trevor Ross.

Something big will happen to Everton before long

AS **EVERTON** enter their 100th season of competitive football it is perhaps opportune to reflect on the events of the past: what might have been and what surely will occur, writes **PHIL TWEED**.

The club is on the verge of erupting. Something big just has to happen at Goodison Park before long. The faithful followers of the two famous Mersey clubs will forever compare the merits of Everton and Liverpool, and some pundits declare Everton as the city's "other club".

Yet, whatever their league positions, comparisons are futile because they are clubs with vastly differing characteristics.

Liverpool for most of their existence have been renowned for their more aggressive style, while Everton have always favoured a more artistic approach.

One of the founder members of the League, they have a proud history. In fact only the past ten years have separated the deeds and achievements of the Goodison club and their Anfield neighbours.

Arsenal excepted, they have remained in the First Division longer than any club currently there.

It was in 1954 they were promoted.

Although the Everton pedigree boasts seven League championships, these past 25 years have seen them champions only twice, FA Cup finalists on two occasions added to which they have appeared in the Football League Cup final. But they have to still win a European competition. Earlier this season they went out to Dukla Prague in the second round of the UEFA Cup.

This, predictably, is not considered good enough for a club who had a League title and an FA Cup Final appearance engraved in their record before Liverpool had even been elected to the Second Division.

History is all very interesting to a club of the calibre of Everton, but current achievements are those which count, yet the club has never looked back since the early sixties, when John Moores became Chairman to heavily back them with cash.

Harry Catterick their former inside-forward, was appointed manager and he

paved the way to an era of League Championships and Cup success.

"The Golden Vision", Alex Young, was to lead a team of talented players into Europe, but with all their combined talent only domestic success was achieved.

The club has a reputation for unearthing outstanding centre-forwards. Dean, Lawton, Hickson, Young, Pickering, Royce and Latchford to name a few have converted scores of goals in the cause of the Blues' search for glory.

Perhaps the major consideration is the fact that Everton can never be written off, whatever the odds against them.

The 1969-70 season saw them well ahead of second-placed reigning champions Leeds United at the half-way stage. They allowed themselves to be overhauled during February and then fought back with an unbeaten run of 14 games to record their seventh Championship success with 66 points, only one less than Leeds' record haul in 1967.

Another example of their tenacity was evident in the 1966 FA Cup Final when, after starting firm favourites against Sheffield Wednesday, they went two down in the first half. In the second half they came back from the dead to run out worthy 3-2 winners.

Following their 1-1 draw in Merseyside's 120th derby last week, who would completely write off the Blues as true championship contenders this season?

Anything can happen. *Everton have served notice that they intend to live up to their motto — Nils Satis Nisi Optimum — which translated means 'nothing but the best'.*

Manager Gordon Lee, in turning the team inside-out since his arrival from Newcastle two years ago, has shown the same steely approach which he displayed as an Aston Villa full-back during his playing days, and the team now assembled have responded.

Anyone who supposes that the club will not match their neighbours' success of the past decade is misjudging the character of Everton, and the people of Goodison. Make no mistake, they will be there again ... and soon.

GEORGE WOOD (Goalkeeper). Former East Stirling and Blackpool goalkeeper. Joined Everton for £150,000 in August 1977. Member of the present Scotland squad. Has made over 60 appearances for the club.

COLIN TODD (Defender). Signed from us for a £330,000 fee last September, 30-year-old "Toddo" needs no introduction to Derby fans. He was a firm favourite at the Baseball Ground for nearly eight years, making almost 300 appearances and winning two championship medals before joining Everton capped by England 27 times.

MIKE PEJIC (Defender). Former Stoke City full back, now 29. Cost Everton £140,000 when he joined them two years ago. Approaching his 80th game for the club. Four times capped by England.

MICK LYONS (Defender). Aged 29, this former Under-23 international is the skipper of Everton, his only club. Formerly a striker, he still appears on the score sheet as his five goals last season indicate.

MARK HIGGINS (Defender). Burton born central defender, the son of former Bolton Wanderers' player John Higgins. Age 21, he signed for Everton as an apprentice professional in 1975.

TIM HEARD (Defender). Hull-born youngster who made his debut last month and acquitted himself well. Injuries to Colin Todd and Pejic allowed him his chance.

BILLY WRIGHT (Defender). Local-born player (20) who made his League debut last season. Now beginning to establish himself. Is the newpew of former Everton and England full-back Tommy Wright.

TREVOR ROSS (Midfield). This 21-year-old former Arsenal player made his debut for the Gunners in 1975. Played 58 games for the North London club.

ANDY KING (Midfield). Very much a match-winner in recent weeks, King was a £35,000 bargain from Luton town three years ago.

MARTIN DOBSON (Midfield). Blackburn-born England international cost Everton £300,000 from Burnley in August 1970.

GEOFF NULTY (Midfield). Played under Gordon Lee at Newcastle before moving to Goodison for £50,000 last July.

GEORGE TELFER (Forward). Local-born player who has made over 70 appearances for the League side.

MICKEY WALSH (Midfield). Republic of Ireland forward who cost £300,000 from Blackpool last August.

BOB LATCHFORD (Forward). First Division top scorer last season, he is in the current England side. Signed from Birmingham in 1974 for an estimated £350,000, he has scored 83 goals in his 156 appearances for the club.

DAVE THOMAS (Forward). Formerly with Burnley and QPR. Joined Everton for £200,000 in August 1977. Made League debut for Burnley at the age of 16 in 1967.

Five defeats in a row ... but there is now a very evident spirit of determination in the team

RAMS TAUGHT US A LESSON, SAID 'BORO SKIPPER

But at this stage of the season only goals count

Middlesbrough.....3 Derby County.....1

THIS WAS Rams' fifth defeat on the trot and, to be honest, the situation at the foot of the table does not look any too good. We are still clear of the relegation zone, but a win at Ayresome Park would have taken so much of the pressure off.

It could have come, too, with better finishing.

Rams had 70 per cent of the play, and Middlesbrough skipper Stuart Boam admitted: "They gave us a lesson in passing."

But at this stage of the season, when points are all important, Rams have to find a way of turning all their good football into goals.

They brought Vic Moreland into midfield, where he did well, and gave Andy Crawford

his first full game of the season, but the luck did not change.

Boro' went ahead when Boam was in the right place to volley in a hopelessly sliced shot by John Mahoney, but Rams came back with great spirit.

They were running the game without being able to worry Jim Platt until, midway through the second half, David Armstrong scored one out of the blue with a tremendous

volley.

Gerry Daly pulled one back from the penalty spot — the first Rams goal in five games — but Micky Burns completed Boro's victory.

So it was a sad Rams party on the way home, but there is a sense of determination in the team.

With almost a third of the season to go, there is time to put things right and, while the spirit remains right, there must be a good chance.



Middlesbrough 'keeper Jim Platt punches away off Billy Caskey's head.

Crowd backed 'em all the way



Leeds 'keeper David Harvey beats the leaping John Duncan to the cross.

Derby Co.....0 Leeds Utd.....1

AFTER RAMS previous home game, against Ipswich, the crowd had been bitterly critical. This time, although the score was the same, the fans backed the lads all the way, because they could see the effort which was being put in.

Gerry Daly's penalty miss three minutes before half-time turned out to be the key, yet all praise to Gerry for taking the kick after the bone-shattering collision with little Brian Flynn which brought the award.

Perhaps Gerry wasn't quite ready, because he missed from the spot for only the second time in his career. David Harvey dropped on the ball to make a comfortable save.

the day.

As Tommy Doc says: "We need a goal to go in off somebody's knee or backside just to give the lads a lift."

There's not much wrong with the approach work, the effort is there. All we need is a bit of luck and, with the same help from the fans, we'll be safe.

F.A. YOUTH CUP REPLAY

Coventry Youth.....1
Rams Youth.....1

A goal by Kevin Murray earned Rams a replay in their FA Youth Cup tie at Highfield Road.

It was a sound performance by Ron Webster's lads and they were well worth the draw. Winners of this tie meet Everton in the next round, but Monday's replay was postponed because of the pitch.

With the Reserves

Rams Res.....0
Liverpool Res.....3

IT LOOKS like another First Division — Central League double for Liverpool. After a level first half, Bob Paisley's youngsters handed out a lesson in finishing.

A tremendous shot by Russell set Liverpool on the way and coloured winger Howie Gayle scored a couple of good goals. Aiden McCaffery gave a gritty performance in defence in front of a host of scouts, but it could have been different if Paul Bartlett had scored after going clear and rounding goalkeeper Steve Ogrizovic.

Rams: Middleton; K. Falconer, Richards, Rioch, McCaffery, Moreland, Carter, P. Falconer, Bartlett, Bowers, Emsom.

Rams Res.....2
Huddersfield Res.....0

Paul Bartlett, top scorer in Rams Reserves, added two

After that, Gerry was tremendous and, with a bit of luck, could have scored a couple as he showed his best form of 1979.

Trouble is, the luck is not going Rams' way and, after a brilliant run by new boy Kevin Hird, John Hawley scored the killer goal for Leeds.

Leeds are in a great run and they could easily qualify for the U.E.F.A. Cup, yet they were no better than Rams on

more to his tally to beat Huddersfield at the Baseball Ground.

Both goals came from Steve Blades' corners which were flicked on by John Duncan, and only heroic work by Richard Taylor in the Town goal kept the score down.

He made a string of fine saves as, with Rams dominant in midfield, it was virtually one way traffic towards his goal.

Rams: Middleton; K. Falconer, Blades, Clark, McCaffery, Sheridan, Bartlett, Spooner, Duncan, Bowers, Emsom.

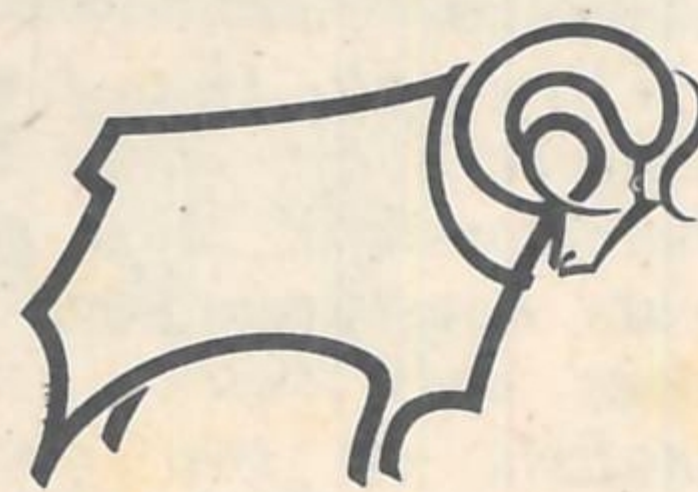
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CENTRAL LEAGUE

1978	Opponents	Score
Aug 19 Sat	Preston	4-1 away
Aug 23 Wed	STOKE	4-1 home
Aug 26 Sat	COVENTRY	2-0 home
Sep 2 Sat	Newcastle	4-2 away
Sep 9 Sat	WEST BROM	1-3 home
Sep 11 Mon	BURNLEY	0-0 home
Sep 16 Sat	Bolton	2-1 away
Sep 23 Sat	Bury	2-1 away
Sep 30 Sat	BLACKPOOL	4-1 home
Oct 7 Sat	Liverpool	1-3 away
Oct 10 Tues	Burnley	1-2 away
Oct 14 Sat	BLACKBURN	4-0 home
Oct 21 Sat	Sheffield Wed	0-3 away
Oct 28 Sat	LEEDS	0-0 home
Nov 4 Sat	Manchester C	2-3 away
Nov 11 Sat	PRESTON	5-1 home
Nov 14 Tues	Coventry	1-3 away
Nov 22 Wed	NEWCASTLE	1-2 home
Nov 25 Sat	Nottm Forest	1-4 away
Dec 2 Sat	ASTON VILLA	1-0 home
Dec 9 Sat	Manchester U	0-0 away

1979	West Bromwich	0-4 away
Jan 13 Sat	Blackpool	1-1 away
Feb 12 Mon	Blackburn	1-1 away
Feb 24 Sat	SHEFFIELD W	3-1 home
Mar 3 Sat	LIVERPOOL	0-3 home
Mar 12 Mon	HUDDERSFIELD	2-0 home
Mar 17 Sat	MANCHESTER C.	home
Mar 24 Sat	MANCHESTER U	away
Mar 26 Mon	BURY	home
Mar 31 Sat	NOTTM FOREST	home
Apr 2 Mon	SHEFFIELD U	home
Apr 4 Wed	BOLTON	home
Apr 7 Sat	Aston Villa	away
Apr 10 Tues	Huddersfield	away
Apr 21 Sat	Sheffield U	away
Apr 25 Wed	WOLVES	home
Apr 28 Sat	MANCHESTER U.	home
Apr 30 Mon	EVERTON	home
May 5 Sat	Everton	away

F.A. YOUTH CUP

Dec 18 Mon	TRANMERE	1-0 home
Feb 7 Wed	Manchester U	3-0 away
Mar 8 Thur	Coventry	1-1 away
Mar 19 Mon	COVENTRY	P.home

MIDLANDS YOUTH LEAGUE

Aug 23 Wed	LUTON	1-6 home
Aug 29 Tues	Bristol C	1-0 away
Sep 6 Wed	BIRMINGHAM	3-1 home
Oct 11 Wed	SWINDON	4-2 home
Oct 16 Mon	Northampton	1-1 away
Oct 25 Wed	WEST BROM	1-1 home
Dec 13 Wed	BRISTOL C.	3-0 home
Dec 18 Mon	LEICESTER	2-3 home
Jan 18 Thur	Birmingham	2-1 away
Mar 5 Mon	NORTHAMPTON	5-1 home

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Sep 20 Wed	Coventry	5-1 away
Sep 27 Wed	COVENTRY	2-2 home
Nov 1 Wed	Luton	1-2 away
Nov 8 Wed	LUTON	4-2 home
Feb 22 Thur	West Bromwich	1-1 away
Feb 28 Wed	WEST BROM	0-3 home

Key: Goalscorer (G), Penalty (P), Booked (B), Withdrawn (W), With drawn Injured (W.I.), Sent Off (S.O.), Own Goal (O.G.).

FIRST TEAM

Date 1978	Opponents	Ground	Lque Pos	Res	Attd	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	Sub
Aug. 19 Sat.	MANCHESTER CITY	home	—	1-1	26,480	Middleton	Langan	Buckley	Daly	McFarland	Todd	Powell	Nish	Ryan	George(G)	Hill	
Aug. 22 Tues.	Everton	away	—	1-2	39,848	Middleton	Langan	Buckley	Daly	McFarland	Todd	Powell	Nish(G)	Ryan	George	Hill	
Aug. 26 Sat.	Birmingham City	away	15	1-1	21,962	Middleton	Langan	Buckley	Daly(G)	McFarland	Daniel	Powell (W.I.)	Nish	Ryan	George	Hill	Chesters (45 mins)
Aug. 30 Wed.	Leicester City (F.L. Cup 2nd Rd)	away	—	1-0	16,827	Middleton	Langan	Buckley	Daly	McFarland	McCaffery	Daniel	Nish	Ryan	George	Hill(GIW+1)	Chesters (89 mins)
Sep. 2 Sat.	COVENTRY CITY	home	17	0-2	21,435	Middleton	Langan	Buckley	Daly	McFarland	Todd (B)	Carter	Nish (W)	Powell B	George	Ryan	Daniel (61 mins)
Sep. 9 Sat.	Bolton Wanderers	away	19	1-2	20,331	Middleton	Langan	Buckley	Daly (B/G)	McFarland	Todd (B)	Carter	Nish	Powell	George (S/D)	Ryan	
Sep. 16 Sat.	WEST BROMWICH A.	home	16	3-2	23,697	Middleton	Langan	Buckley	Daly (G)	McFarland	McCaffery	Carter	Powell (G)	Duncan (G)	Rioch	Ryan (W)	Nish (71 mins)
Sep. 23 Sat.	SOUTHAMPTON	home	13	2-1	21,623	Middleton	Langan	Buckley	Daly	McCaffery	Powell	Carter (G)	Rioch (B)	Duncan (W+1)	George (G+B)	Caskey	Moreland (15 mins) (B)
Sep. 30 Sat.	Norwich City	away	17	0-3	16,585	Middleton	Langan	Buckley	Daly	McFarland	McCaffery	Powell	Rioch	Caskey	Clark	Nish	
Oct. 3 Tues	Southampton (F.L. Cup 3rd)	away		0-1	19,109	Middleton	Langan	Buckley	Daly	McFarland (W1)	McCaffery	Powell	Clark	Caskey	George	Daniel	Moreland (64 mins)
Oct 7 Sat.	CHELSEA	home	16	1 0	20,451	Middleton	Langan	Buckley	Daly	McCaffery	Moreland (w/inj)	Carter	Powell	Caskey	George	Clark	Rioch (63min) Own goal
Oct. 14 Sat.	Liverpool	away	18	0-5	47,475	Middleton	Langan	Buckley	Daly	McCaffery	Moreland	Carter	Powell	Caskey	George	Clark	Nish (71 mins)
Oct. 21 Sat.	TOTTENHAM HOTSPUR	home	16	2-2	26,181	Middleton	Langan	Buckley (G)	Daly	McCaffery	Moreland	Carter	Powell	Duncan (G)	Bartlett (W)	Clayton	Nish (64 mins)
Oct. 23 Mon.	ZELJEZNICAR (friendly)	home		3-2	2,190	Middleton	Daniel	Buckley (Sheridan, 65)	Nish (64 mins)	McFarland (Falconer, 45)	McCaffery	Carter (Clayton, 81)	Powell	Duncan (Chesters, 45)	Bartlett	Hill (G) (Emsen, 52)	
Oct. 28 Sat.	Leeds United	away	19	0-4	25,449	Middleton	Langan	Buckley	Daly	Daniel	Moreland	Carter	Powell	Duncan	Bartlett	Hill	
Nov. 4 Sat.	WOLVERHAMPTON W	home	16	4-1	20,658	Middleton	Langan	Buckley	Daly(G)	McFarland	Moreland	Carter	Powell	Duncan(G)	Caskey (G)	Hill (G)	
Nov. 11 Sat.	Manchester City	away	13	2-1	37,376	Middleton	Langan	Buckley	Daly(G+pen)	McFarland	Moreland	Carter	Powell	Duncan(G)	Caskey	Hill	
Nov 14 Tues	Rochdale (friendly)	away		3-2	3,597	Middleton	Langan	Buckley	Daly (Clark, 45)	McCaffery	Moreland	Carter	Powell	Duncan (G)	Caskey (G)	Hill (G)	(Emsen) (45)
Nov. 18 Sat.	BIRMINGHAM CITY	home	13	2-1	24,700	Middleton	Langan	Buckley (G)	Daly (G)	Daniel	Moreland	Carter	Powell	Clark	Caskey	Hill	
Nov. 21 Tues.	Coventry City	away	14	2-4	20,622	Middleton	Langan	Buckley	Daly(G+pen)	Daniel	Moreland	Carter	Powell	Caskey(G/W)	Clark	Hill	Nish (80 mins)
Nov. 25 Sat.	QUEENS PARK R.	home	11	2-1	19,702	Middleton	Langan	Buckley	Daly	Daniel (G)	Moreland	Carter	Powell	Duncan	Caskey (G)	Clark	
Dec. 2 Sat.	Bristol City	away	12	0-1	17,487	Middleton	Langan(B)	Buckley	Daly	McFarland (W1)	Moreland	Carter	Powell	Duncan	Caskey	Clark	Hill (75 mins)
Dec. 9 Sat.	MANCHESTER UNITED	home	13	1-3	25,180	Middleton	Langan(S/O)	Buckley	Daly(G)	Powell	Moreland	Carter	Clark	Duncan	Caskey	Hill	
Dec. 16 Sat.	Arsenal	away	14	0-2	26,943	McKellar	Clark	Buckley	Daly	Daniel	Moreland	Carter	Clark	Duncan	Caskey	Hill	
Dec. 23 Sat.	ASTON VILLA	home	13	0-0	20,109	McKellar	Langan (B)	Buckley	Daly	McFarland	Webb (BWW inf. soft)	Carter (B)	Powell	Caskey	Clark	Hill	Moreland (80 mins)
Dec. 26 Tues.	Nottingham Forest	away	13	1-1	34,256	McKellar	Langan	Buckley	Daly (G+pen)	McFarland	Webb	Carter (W1)	Powell	Caskey	Clark	Hill	Moreland (45 mins)

Good luck on his recall . . . to Big John



John Middleton (above right) has to bend low to allow comedian Ronnie Corbett to fit on his England B tour cap here a few weeks ago, with General Secretary, Stuart Webb looking on, highly amused. Big John was then in the reserves, but is now recalled into goal by Doc. All his many admirers will wish him well . . .

EVERTON

(from)

- John Middleton
- David Langan
- Steve Buckley
- Gerry Daly
- Roy McFarland
- Steve Wicks
- Steve Carter
- Steve Powell
- Roy Greenwood
- Andy Crawford
- Vic Moreland
- John Duncan
- David Webb

He's in charge

Alan Seville came to the League list via local football and the West Midlands Regional League. Refereed FA Vase semi-final last season. Married, with two daughters, he is a toolmaker. His main interest, apart from soccer, is the Trade Union movement and he has been a Lay Officer, District Delegate and Shop Steward in his union. Is also a fine crown green bowls player.

Referee: A. Seville
(Birmingham)

Linesmen: P. W. Albert
(Stonbridge) red flag; J. Ball
(Leicester) yellow flag.

Today's mascot: Nine-year-old
Ben Brooke-Taylor.

- 1 George Wood
- 2 Colin Todd
- 3 Pat Heard
- 4 Mike Lyons
- 5 Billy Wright
- 6 Trevor Ross
- 7 Andy King
- 8 Martin Dobson
- 9 Bob Latchford
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He's in charge

Terry Morris reached the Football League via local football and the Northern Premier League. Married, he is a lecturer in business studies at Leeds Polytechnic. Making his mark as a referee in Europe. It will be no surprise for you to learn that this Yorkshireman is keenly interested in cricket. He is also deeply interested in music.

Referee: T. L. Morris (Leeds).
Linesmen: M. Robinson (Sutton
Coldfield), red flag; J. Biddle
(Solihull), yellow flag.

Today's mascot: Dean
Wilkinson of Derby.

- 1 Jim McDonagh
- 2 Peter Nicholson
- 3 Dave Burke
- 4 Roy Greaves
- 5 Paul Jones
- 6 Sam Allardyce
- 7 Willy Morgan
- 8 Mike Walsh
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